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BIRTHS.

CORBETT—December 24, 1923, at 40 Upper Fitzwilliam st., to the wife of A. E. Corbett, Esq., B.L., St. Elmo, Sutton, Co. Dublin, a son.

HILL—December 23, 1923, at Ballintemple House, Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill, a son.

HUTTON—December 22, 1923, at 14 Beverley Gardens, Golders Green, London, to Mr. and Mrs. George Hutton, a son.

STOKES—December 21, 1923, at 83 Kenilworth square, the wife of Robert E. Stokes, of a son, prematurely (stillborn).

MARRIAGES.

BLAND and LAW—December 27, 1923, at St. Ann's, Dublin, by the Archbishop of Dublin (cousin of the bride), assisted by the Rev. J. Powell, M.A., the Rev. F. E. Bland, Secretary, H.C.M.S., and incumbent of St. James's, Crinken, Co. Dublin, to Mabel Harriett, daughter of the late T. Pakenham Law, K.C., and Mrs. Pakenham Law, Elsinore, Howth.

FRANKS and KENT—December 21, 1923, at Chearsley Parish Church, by the Reverend C. P. Blakeney, Captain Philip Hamilton Franks (24th Regiment, South Wales Borderers, second son of the late Sir Kendal Franks, M.D., C.B., of Dublin and Johannesburg, to Olive Violet Justina, daughter of the late Herbert Kent, Esq., of Ringwood, Hants, and Mrs. J. W. Orr, of Chearsley, Aylesbury.

MOORE and ACHESON—December 19, 1923, at the Methodist Church, Cavan, by Rev. W. Webster, Samuel Moore, Tamneymore, Garvagh, to Sarah Evelyn (Eva), daughter of Jonathan and Mrs. Acheson, Tierquilen House, Crossdoney, Cavan.

O'REILLY and CONNOLLY—December 18, 1923, at St. Joseph's Church, Galway, with Nuptial Blessing, by the Rev. Canon Peter Davis, P.P., Philip H. O'Reilly, Solicitor, Dublin, eldest son of James O'Reilly and Mrs. O'Reilly, of 49 Lindsay rd., Dublin, to Eileen Mabel Connolly, youngest daughter of the late Bartholomew Connolly and of Mrs. Connolly, "Warbracken" House, Galway.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

ADAMS—December 26, 1923, at his residence, 52 University av., Belfast, Thomas Adams, beloved husband of Maggie Thompson Adams. Funeral private.

BENNETT—December 26, 1923, at his residence, Portsmouth Arms Hotel, Enniscorthy, John Bennett. Funeral to-day (Friday) at 2.30 from Cathedral to New Cemetery.

BIRD—December 25, 1923, at Hove, Kate Rebecca Bird, late of Bantry, Co. Cork. Funeral to-day (Friday), 28th inst., Extra Mural Cemetery, Brighton, 2.30. No flowers, by request.

BOLTON—December 20, 1923, at her residence, Munster tce., Limerick, Lucy Mary Bolton, third daughter of the late Rev. Peter Bolton. English papers please copy.

CHADWICK—December 27, 1923, at Brookvale House, Donnybrook, Co. Dublin, the Right Reverend George Alexander Chadwick, D.D., formerly Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Funeral private. No flowers.

COSBY—December 23, 1923, at Westcliff Lodge, Marlborough rd., Bournemouth, W., Captain Dudley Sydney Ashworth Cosby, of Stradbally Hall, Queen's Co., Ireland.

DEMPSEY—December 18, 1923, at Tullamore, Kathleen Dempsey, aged 23. R.I.P. Funeral took place Thursday, 20th, from Church to Clonminch Cemetery. English and Scotch papers please copy.

DEVITT—December 27, 1923, at her residence, 1 Dodder Terrace, Milltown, Dublin, Hannah, dearly-beloved wife of Joseph Devitt, and elder daughter of George Archer, Railway House, Bray. Funeral will take place from the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer at 3 p.m. to-day (Friday) for Little Bray Cemetery.

DEVLIN—On Christmas Eve, 1923, at his residence, Elverton rd., Dalkey, Joseph E. Devlin, late Assistant Secretary Local Government Board for Ireland, aged 70. Funeral to-day (Friday) at 12 noon from Dalkey Church to Glasnevin.

DROUGHT—December 27, 1923, at a Private Nursing Home, Charles Stanford Drought, dearly-beloved husband of Annie Drought, 10 Cleaveville rd., Rathmar, youngest son of the late George Drought, Bachelor's Walk, and Mrs. Drought, 26 Brighton rd., Rathgar. "Till the day break and the shadows flee away." Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) morning. Hour later.

HAWTHORNE—December 26, 1923, Mrs. Henrietta Hawthorne, late of 20 Wentworth rd., aged 87 years. Safe in the arms of Jesus."

McCOUBRIE—December 26, 1923, at Adelaide Hospital, William, second son of the late William Bell McCoubrie, Mount Pleasant, The Spa, Ballsbridge. The remains will leave for Belfast by 9.15 train to-day.

McCULLAGH—At her residence, 41 Serpentine av., Sandymount, Katherine, widow of the late John McCullagh, J.P., Kingstown, aged 87 years. Funeral (private) this (Friday) morning at Dean's Grange, 11.15. No flowers, by request.

MANGAN—December 27, 1923, at his residence, 11 Mount av., R.C.R., after a tedious illness, Francis Joseph, the beloved husband of Mary Mangan. Funeral (private) from St. Paul's, Mount Argus, to-morrow (Saturday) morning after the 10 o'clock Mass. Belfast papers please copy.

MENNELL—December 22, 1923, at London, Elizabeth Ledbetter (Betty), aged 14 years, only daughter of Roger and Mary Mennell, of Honeybrook, Mooncoin, near Waterford.

MILMO—December 25, 1923, at Wood Lodge, Monkstown, Kathleen Mary, aged 49, relict of the late D. Milmo, Esq., of Laredo, Texas, U.S.A. Funeral private. No flowers, by request. American papers please copy.

PALMER—December 12, 1923, at Killowen, Kenmare, Margaret Dorcas (Maud), last surviving daughter of the late Edward Orpen Palmer.

STAFFORD—December 27, 1923, at St. Vincent's Private Hospital, of pneumonia, Captain J. J. Stafford, late Royal Dublin Fusiliers. R.I.P. Remains will leave hospital this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock, by motor, for Waterford. Interment at family burial place, Ballybricken, after 9 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

TEMPLEMAN—December 24, 1923, at 20 Eaton square, Monkstown, Dublin, Lucy, widow of the late C. C. Templeman, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim. "Neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

WALLER—December 19, 1923, at Lusks, Nenagh, George Arthur Waller, M.A., aged 69, eldest son of the late William Thomas Waller, J.P., of Prior Park. Burial took place at Cloughprior on December 22.

WHITE—December 27, 1923, at Wigmore Lodge, Oakley rd., Minnie, younger daughter of the late Matthew James White, Solicitor, of 54 Waterloo rd. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin to-morrow (Saturday) morning, 9 o'clock.

IMPORTANT.—As announcements for this column, if posted on Saturday, cannot reach this office in time for Monday's paper, they should be sent by telegram.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dorrity and family, 10 St. Kevin's Gardens, Dartry rd., return very grateful thanks to all who sent messages and showed their sympathy in their great sorrow, and hope they will accept this acknowledgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lysaght and family, 1 Millmount place, Drumcondra, and **Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell** beg to thank all kind friends who sympathised with them, sent letters and wreaths, in their recent sad bereavement, and trust they will accept these few lines as a grateful acknowledgment.

Mrs. Morel and daughters desire to return thanks to their kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, and trust they will accept this as their grateful acknowledgment.

Mrs. Wilkinson and family, Clancoole House, Randon, desire to return thanks to all those who so kindly remembered them in their recent sad bereavement, and regret they are unable to reply individually to each message of sympathy.

IN MEMORIAM.

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NORMAN—In ever-loving memory of our darling little Dugie (Douglas Keith Norman), who was taken into the arms of the Shepherd 28th December, 1922. "Jesus called a little child unto Him."

WALSHE—In sad remembrance of my dearly-loved sister, Kathleen Marion Walshe, who passed away into eternal rest December 26, 1921; also my dear sister, Sarah, who died May 15, 1925; late of Baltracey House, Co. Kildare.

Sleep in peace, dearest sisters.
Thou art happy, thou art blest;
Earthly care and sorrow ended,
Naught can break thy holy rest.
Until Jesus come again.

Inserted by their last surviving sister, Emily.

WILLCOX—First Anniversary.—In loving remembrance of our dear friend, "Bertie" Willcox, of the Gun Shed Mission, who passed from the Mission Field into the presence of Christ December 26, 1922. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Inserted by Dublin Y.M.C.A. friends.

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

ECONOMY.

MERE man will have it that woman's economy is generally wasteful, and, low be it whispered when no man is listening, he is often right. But, after all, we all make mistakes—even man—and as wives do not generally hold the purse-strings they at least make mistakes on a smaller scale. A man of my acquaintance, on economy bent, lately spent much time frequenting auction rooms in pursuit of a cheap and suitable carpet. He finally secured a second-hand one which cost forty guineas, and was of such dimensions that no room in the house can accommodate it. The family are now faced with the prospect of either keeping it rolled up in the lumber room, where it is at present, or else moving into a larger house with bigger rooms.

Women are greatly tempted to make a number of small purchases. At sale time particularly the lure of a so-called "bargain" is irresistible. It is then that those quantities of oddments, bought with no special need in view, begin to accumulate in spare drawers.

Economy entails method. Every woman who receives an allowance should plan the spending of it all beforehand, assigning a certain amount for all probable expenses in the way of dress, etc., and leaving a margin for the unexpected, which always turns up.

It is not always an extravagance to spend a rather disproportionate amount on one important item, like a hat. A really nice hat, worn even with a rather shabby costume which has once been good, is more effective than a new cheap hat worn with a new cheap costume. It is often most economical to buy a few expensive things and to do without the rest than to lower the standard of dressing all round.

Economy may be exercised just as much in the case of clothes as in the buying of them. In a country like Ireland, with its heavy rainfall, it is pathetic to see the numbers of girls returning home at night from their work often in heavy rain and hardly an umbrella to be seen among them. Nothing is more extravagant than to get caught in the rain!

Economy consists essentially in carefulness, whether it is in the expending of money or of time and strength. It is poor economy for a busy housewife to spend so much time darning socks and stockings that she becomes a household drudge, and has no time to spend in lighter fashion with husband and children.

True economy calls for a readjustment in the scale of values. The duty of saving a few pence or shillings must never be allowed to outweigh the other and more spiritual side of the home duties.

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FANS.

FOR a long time fans were discarded as an item of dress, but one is glad to see that their use has at length been revived. They are an excellent finish to a smart get-up, and, apart from their specified use of fanning, they come in handy for fidgeting with, even better than a bangle—we are too restless to sit quite still in these days, even at places of amusement.

It is to be hoped that Dublin will soon follow the lead given by London as regards fans. When I was at the theatre one night recently I was rather surprised to see that, although the atmosphere was decidedly close, only one other theatre-goer besides myself had the temerity to sport a fan. I was encouraged thereto by the fact of having just been given an old family one, so delicately carved in ivory as to have the appearance of exquisite old lace. A hint as to the cleaning of ivory may be found useful; rub the ivory with fine sand or knife powder applied on a piece of damp newspaper. Then wash it in new milk, and polish with a silk handkerchief or clean chamois leather.

In a well-known shop in College Green I saw a few days ago a beautiful fan of Limerick lace, mounted on mother-of-pearl sticks. One is tempted to feel that such a possession would demand a readjustment of one's wardrobe. It deserves to become the central object of attention, such trifling details as the frocks and shoes being made to harmonise with it. A lace fan, for instance, would call for a lace frock to go with it.

Another extremely pretty fan I have seen is made of ostrich feathers, dyed to a deep flame colour, and mounted on tortoiseshell. This would suit a girl of dark colouring.

NICOLETTE.

FIRST AID TO THE WASHTUB.

HOME laundry work can be rendered easy, and, therefore, profitable, by the adoption of some of the many modern laundry devices and means of increasing efficiency. Of first importance is the kind of soap used. Fortunately, special attention has been given to laundry properties by soap manufacturers, and many of the modern soaps are most scientifically composed for the purpose of removing dirt quickly and easily from fabrics. Equally important is the water supply. Hard water is very wasteful, since a large proportion of soap is necessary in order to form a lather, which is necessary before actual washing proceeds. To overcome this difficulty, a small portable water-softening apparatus has been put on the market, and this can be easily attached to any water tap. By means of this ample soft water can be obtained and better results are possible.

With soft water and a good soap provided, the next step is the provision of some mechanical device which will undertake the laborious part of the washing. This is to be found in the automatic washing machine, which can be used with a gas ring or electricity. The clothes are placed in the container with warm water and soap, and left to wash themselves. The soapy water is constantly sucked up a central tube in the machine and sprayed on to the clothes with sufficient force to remove the dirt. In about twenty minutes the clothes are ready for rinsing, and while the washing process has been going on the housewife has been able to get on with her other household tasks.

Where drying has to be done indoors, one of the new gas-heated drying cabinets will prove a great boon. By means of a gas-burner, hot air is continually circulated in the cabinet and the clothes quickly dry. The cabinet can, of course, also be used for airing clothes, and is a great comfort in the house that does not contain a hot air cupboard for this purpose. A special aid in the drying of jumpers and woollies, which are best laid flat, is the lattice dryer, composed of an expanding wooden lattice which can be placed across the top of a clothes horse, and forms an excellent flat drying space for such garments.

Where outdoor space is available, but limited, the umbrella dryer is excellent. As its name implies, this device is in the form of a large wooden umbrella frame. When it is open the wooden spokes support clothes lines, and the garments are hung all round the frame. When not in use, the umbrella is "shut," and can be stored in very little space.

MARY GWYNNE HOWELL.

FOR THE COOK.

FORCEMEAT BALLS.

Ingredients.—Two tablespoonfuls breadcrumbs, one tablespoonful minced beef, one tablespoonful minced ham, quarter teaspoonful grated lemon peel, two ounces margarine, pinch herbs, one teaspoonful minced parsley, one egg, salt and pepper, stock to moisten.

Method.—Put all the ingredients, except stock, margarine and egg, into a basin. Melt the margarine, beat the egg, and add to the dry ingredients, mixing well, and adding the necessary stock. Form into small balls, dip in flour, and fry a nice brown. Drop into soup a few minutes before serving.

INNISKILLING OLD COMRADES.

BRANCH FORMED IN DERRY.

A representative meeting of ex-officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers was held in the City Hotel, Derry, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Derry branch.

Captain Maguire, M.C., attended from the Depot at Omagh, and explained the objects and rules of the Association, and, after discussion, it was unanimously decided to form a branch for the City and County of Derry.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Colonel F. S. N. Macrory, D.S.O. (who presided); Vice-President, Major J. Colhoun, M.C.; Committee: Captain J. T. E. Miller, Captain W. J. Moore, M.C., Captain R. M. Boyle, M.C., Messrs. R. W. Glass, R.M., D. Fullerton, C. T. Retshaw, W. Leitch, A. Clarke, J. Richmond, J. Cradden, A. White, G. W. Anderson, J. Fleming; and T. Cooper, with Captain J. M. Walton, M.C., J.P., as Hon. Secretary.

Colonel Macrory thanked those present for attending, and said that, judging from the personnel of the meeting, the Derry branch would be in keeping with the traditions of the old regiment.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather, at 5 p.m.—Light Southerly winds; overcast and showery.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Laurelpark, of Greenock (1,488 tons register), Captain Smith, from Hamburg and Bremen, with a general cargo, discharging at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension; Borga (steel twin-screw motor-ship), of Christiania (Norway) (2,068 tons register), Captain Cappleen, from Portland Oregon, with a cargo of wheat, discharging in Alexandra Basin.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Slieve Bawn, ss. Slieve Gallion, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Puma, from Glasgow, with goods; Empress (sch.), from New Ross, with goods; ss. Pyrope, ss. St. Fintan, from Ayr, with coals; ss. Ophir, from Acton Grange, with coals; ss. Zillah, from Preston, with coals; ss. Amy Summerfield, ss. Jessie Summerfield, ss. Puffin, from Garston, with coals; ss. Maple, from Dundee, light; ss. Rosstrevor, from Holyhead, light.

Foreign Departure—Ss. Wicklow Head, of Belfast (830 tons register), Captain Bingham, for Belfast, with part cargo (general).

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Snowdon, ss. Slieve Bawn, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Puma, for Glasgow, with goods; ss. Olive, for Heysham, with goods; ss. Lady Louth, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with goods and live stock; ss. Lady Kildare, for Manchester, with goods and live stock; ss. Lady Brussels, for Preston, with goods and live stock; ss. Clancastle, for Manchester, with porter; ss. Esperanto, for Garston, with timber; ss. Rosstrevor, for Holyhead, with live stock; ss. Eblana, for Holywell, light; ss. Oak, for Newport, light; ss. Glencullen, for Partington, light; ss. Welshman, for Garston, light.

Like the gentleman in the nursery rhyme, Mr. Asquith may say, "I can't marry you." The Conservative Party's reply is, "Nobody asked you to."—The Home Secretary.

Books of the Week.

AN IRISH PEER.

Lord Castletown of Upper Ossory was born in 1849, and comes of an old Gaelic family. His first real forbear is a second century chief, Angus Ossory. A ninth century ancestor of his lies buried at Saighir, in King's County, and to the present day his slab is to be seen there, with the words "*Or de Cherball*" (Pray for Carroll). A Castletown, Ceallach, was killed fighting beside Cormac, the great Archbishop of Cashel, founder of the famous chapel. The first to bear the present name, Gillapadraic, was Donchadh, who was killed in 996 by the Danes of Waterford. He was succeeded by Darladh MacGillapadraic, who reigned thirty-six years, "but without much credit to himself"; for, refraining from participation in the Battle of Clontarf, he waylaid Brian Boro's men on their homeward journey at Gurtnacleagh (the Field of the Stakes) where the wounded O'Briens tied their sick to stakes to simulate numerical strength. In 1150 a Donchadh of the name established the illustrious Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian foundation.

The MacGillapadraics faced the Norman invaders for many a year. In the early thirteenth century Donald MacGillapadraic paid £6 for having peace with the English. In 1480 the clan was ruled by Brian na Hurich (of the armour), a great chieftain and man of valour. His son, Brian, married Margaret Butler, daughter of Piers, Earl of Ormond. "I regret to say," writes the modern head of the clan, "he renounced his tribal powers and language and took a title from the English Sovereign." He was made a Baron in 1493. An unnatural parent, he sent his son Teigue to Dublin with a list of his crimes, where the youth was hanged at the instance of the father. The Baron died in 1575 at the age of ninety years, and the ancient chronicle adds: "It is hoped he died penitent of his misdeeds." Bryan Oge, Lord of Upper Ossory, who succeeded him, was sent to the Pale and thence to England, where he became a schoolfellow of the Prince, later Edward VI. He was sworn into the Privy Council in 1551, along with Dudley, who became the famous Earl of Leicester. This Bryan grew to be altogether of the Englishry, slaying his cousin Rory Oge O'More in 1578. The family fought on the Irish side in 1642, and the estates passed after escheatment to Captain Richard Fitzpatrick, direct ancestor of the present peer. Some of the Fitzpatricks remained loyal to Rome, and, indeed, the grandfather of the present lord was married by a Roman Catholic priest. Lord Castletown married into a thorough Norman family, the St. Legers. They were soldiers and fought in India against Tippoo Sahib. A beautiful Verni Martin *étui*, preserved to-day at Doneraile, was brought back from India by one of the St. Legers. The piece was found in Tippoo Sahib's tent, and had been the property of another Irishman, the unlucky Count Lally Tollendal, who had fought for France in India.

The present Lord Castletown settled at Granston, but frequently lived at Doneraile, where he yearly entertained Oliver Holmes, the American judge, and son of the author of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." Canon Sheehan was a frequent visitor, engaging in clever conversation with the American, to the great delight of the peer, who pauses to pay a tribute to the memory of the Irish priest. In his youth Lord Castletown learnt something of Irish, which he cherishes exceedingly. In New Brunswick, years ago, he knocked at a farmhouse near his camp, in a remote spot by the Fredericton River. The woman of the house spoke at first in what seemed *patois* French, "but it suddenly occurred to me that she was talking Gaelic. I replied in that language. I was right—she was a Kerry woman and had no English." She and her man had emigrated to Canada and were doing well. "May they long keep up the old language and be a credit to their native land," comments the author.

As an ambulance man in the Franco-Prussian War, Lord Castletown saw the masses of galloping horses rush madly at Sedan, as described so finely by Zola. Later he witnessed many of the horrors of the Commune, and the horrors, equally revolting, of its repression. Hundreds of prisoners lay shot at Père la Chaise. A Versailles officer told him that the practice was to examine the palm of the prisoners, and, if any powder mark appeared, to shoot him. He subsequently served at Tel-el-Kebir under Wolseley, and was with Roberts in South Africa. Near Bloemfontein he met an Irish farmer, named Lynch, whose two sons were out fighting, one with the Boers, the other with the British.

Like many another, Lord Castletown holds that Irish reforms were usually overdue when passed into law. The Councils Bill should have been accepted and worked. He is dubious of the value of the new Free State measure. It is surely the Celt in him which makes him believe in fairies and changelings; but his book reveals a mind that has simple truth for its utmost skill. No problems of faith agitate him, and he recalls how the impression left on him as a boy by the Oberammergau players has endured to hearten his devotion to Christianity throughout his life.

"Ego: Random Records of Sport, Service and Travel in many Lands." By Lord Castletown of Upper Ossory, K.P. London: Murray. 10/6 net.

WINDMILLS.

The sailing ship and the windmill are the most romantic of man's efforts to harness the forces of nature. Both use wind against itself—the one to defy its fury at sea, the other stemming its land onslaught with frail, outflung arms. Both are things of the spirit in a strange, indefinable way. The charm of both is always personal and intimate. In this book the lovely illustrations of the windmills come as portraits of old friends, familiar and loveable, the more as one finds in each its quaint feeling.

The matter of the book is interesting in itself. The windmill in history, in construction, in use, and, alas! in decay, is a subject of inexhaustible fascination. We meet with men as quaint as the mills in whose shadow they live—and almost as stationary. The mill has played its part in the quarrels, disputes and warfare that man has waged. The monks of Augustine, in the fourteenth century, attempted to build a windmill near Zwoll, but a neighbouring lord forbade its erection. The monks had recourse to the Bishop of Utrecht, under whose jurisdiction the province had been since the tenth century. He affirmed, highly incensed, that the wind of the whole province belonged to him only, and gave the monks permission to erect a windmill wherever they thought fit, which ended the matter.

The peasants of mediæval days were largely kept in servitude by their dependence upon the mill-owner, their lord, to whom they paid a value in kind for the grinding of their corn. A certain lord, we are told, in "affranchising" his subjects, stipulated that they should agree to pay a certain duty, to send their corn to be ground at his mill, their bread to be baked in his oven, and their grapes to be pressed in his winepress. Yet there was some justification for the origin of these servitudes. Mill-building was very costly and only possible to the rich, and there were few so philanthropic among the lords of the land that they would not seek to indemnify themselves for the money they had expended for the common good.

The sketches in colour of old mills from Cologne, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, and the English countryside are in Frank Brangwyn's most happy style, and add greatly to the artistic value of this book as a gift.

"Windmills." By Frank Brangwyn and Hayter Preston. London: Lane. 21/- net.

VERSE FROM ULSTER.

"Verses from Tyrone," by the Rev. W. F. Marshall, of Sixmilecross, and "Love in Ulster," by H. H. Hayward, may not take rank as poetry of the first class, but they contain, nevertheless, much quite excellent verse. The magic word that surprises us with beauty, the simile or image which in a moment evokes a recollection or a vision—these are somewhat lacking. On the other hand, it is a merit of both writers that they deal with the simple elemental things of life, and have felt what they write about. Mr. Marshall is probably at his best when he draws his inspiration from the natural scenery of his own rugged county, as in "The River" and "Shane Mill." The topical verses suggested by the politics of the province are on a lower level. Mr. Hayward, too, is happiest in the little poems that record his emotion at sight of some beautiful thing in nature, as in "Flax," which we quote—

"I never yet saw the flax in flower
But I thought o' the little folk,
An' I wouldn't for all the wealth an' power
In Irelan' the spell was broke;
For there's joy in the sight o' their caps o' blue,
An' it's heartsome to watch the dancin' they do,
The while their green coats make great wi' the sun,
An' a quare wee tune with a lift an' a run,
Comes down on the wind. I'm tellin' ye now
I wouldn't for all the wealth an' power
In Irelan' the spell was broke."

How is it that our North-Eastern poets, when they write in dialect, invariably fall into the homely, humorous vein? Is the Northern dialect unsuited to loftier forms of verse? Is it too hopelessly matter-of-fact and untuneful? It might seem so; yet we know that it is directly descended from Lowland Scots. The speech of Antrim and Down is the speech of Ayr and Robbie Burns, and Burns found, or made, the Ayrshire dialect a perfectly plastic instrument for the expression of every kind of poetic feeling. We may not argue that what he did for Scotland can be done also for Ulster; there will never be another Burns. All that we mean to say is that the peasant dialect of Ulster is not at fault if there is a dearth there of true poetry.

"Verses from Tyrone." By W. F. Marshall. London: Stockwell. 2/6 net.
"Love in Ulster." By H. H. Hayward. Dublin: The Talbot Press. 3/6 net.

VICTORIAN POETRY.

Mr. Drinkwater's book is an extremely happy effort in the matter itself, quite apart from his own easy, smooth-flowing English. Now that the name of "Victorian" provokes prejudices, it is instructive to find an estimate of Tennyson as he seemed to the men of his own time. He touched every question then agitating the mind of the English-speaking world, and, when a new work of his was announced, queues would form at the book-shops in the early hours of the morning. In his time the poet became a prophet in the land, with an authority that he had not known since the old bardic days. There are speculations in this work and conclusions with which not every reader will agree; but abstract theorising about art never did art any harm, and may, indeed, serve it. This book draws our attention to the fundamental things of poetry, the things which persist from generation to generation, and enables us also to distinguish the characteristics of the Victorian age from those of the other ages with which it has now taken an equal and immortal place. In two hundred pages on poetry Mr. Drinkwater has scarcely one dull line, and his quotations are felicitous reminders of many poets who have made us heirs of truth and pure delight.

"Victorian Poetry." By John Drinkwater. London: Hodder and Stoughton. 2/6 net.

A TYPOGRAPHICAL GAZETTEER OF IRELAND.

All book-collectors are well acquainted with Archdeacon Cotton's Typographical Gazetteer of early printing in all countries, in two series. It was the first gazetteer of the kind that included Ireland. We have now in this pamphlet of fifty pages (printed well and carefully by John Falconer) a Typographical Gazetteer of Ireland alone that should be of necessary use to every collector of books printed in Ireland and to every Irish library. It is absolutely up to date, and quotes from, or refers to, the authority for printing in every town or place named. The author is well known for his careful researches in Irish bibliography and is Vice-President of the Bibliographical Society of Ireland. In this work fresh information is afforded and errors of earlier bibliographers are cleared away—for ever, it is to be hoped. The use of different types facilitates reference. One is struck by the great value of the "Irish Book Lover," so lovingly edited by Dr. J. S. Crone. There is no finality in bibliographical research, and we may hope that Mr. O Casaide's work will awaken fresh interest and draw from many further information on the very interesting subject of printing in our towns and cities. Every Irish book-collector ought to acquire a copy for use and study.

"A Typographical Gazetteer of Ireland." By Seamus O Casaide, M.A. Dublin: Gill. 2/6 net.

COILIN O'CUANAIGH.

Padraic O'Conaire is a name familiar to students and readers of Irish for many years, and it is rather unfortunate that two living writers should be known by this name. The reader's only clue is afforded in the Og which the junior of the two has pressed into service for his particular identification. The original Padraic O'Conaire is still ahead of Padraic Og both in his imaginative resources and in his command of words; but we recommend Padraic Og to take to himself a really distinctive name, because he is undoubtedly coming to the fore as an able and original writer, and in time his achievements may equal those of his namesake.

In his latest published work, "Coilin O'Cuanaigh," we have a delightful children's story told in forceful, idiomatic Irish—an uncommon thing in these days, when slip-shod "Irish" of the most heart-breaking kind, under Government and private auspices, pours from the printing presses in torrents. Miss Annie Patton is the original author of the story, and it is of her tale in English that Padraic Og has made this Gaelic version. He has done it so well that it is to be hoped that the story will have a wide circle of readers. It is a children's story, but of the kind which makes a sure appeal to adult and child alike. There is an excellent vocabulary; and a series of questions, arising out of the text, at the end of the book, makes it eminently suitable for school or class purposes.

"Coilin O Cuanaigh." By Padraic Og O Conaire. Dublin: Browne and Nolan. 9d. net.

RECENT FICTION.

"The Goose Man" achieved a great success in the United States when the translation made its first appearance there last year. Germany, however, took the book quietly enough from the first, and, for the sake of the old, pre-Potsdam Germany, we are glad that this should be so. The story is of a Daniel Nothafft, a musician, an erotic genius, whose life crosses the lives of two sisters, Gertrude and Eleonore, in the manner which provided Masterlinck with the plot of his "Peléas and Mélisande." The book is ill-constructed, with two plots, which constantly break one against the other, but never knit. There is an atmosphere of Bismarckian politics of the 'sixties, with cafés, emotional Catholicism, narrow Protestantism, Liberal clubs, and, throughout the whole, the wretched narrowness and sordid outlook of a small town, where pruriency is the chief stimulus of thought and of conversation. The story drags to an interminable length, and the ancient *deus ex machina* of the suicide is freely employed when the future of a character proves somewhat of a problem to the author. No doubt, the half-demented Philippina Schimmelweis is depicted with considerable strength; but there are things from which the artist will shrink unless he chooses to invade the concerns of the mental specialist. We plead inability to share the American enthusiasm for this work.

"The Goose Man." By Jacob Wasserman. Translated by Allen W. Porterfield. Stanley Paul. 7/6 net.

"The Brown Book" is a mystery story. It is very nearly a detective story, though not quite, in spite of the fact that there are several detectives on the scene right through the book. The author is well known as a writer of novels of the mystery and the detective type, and he has the art of making the very most out of his material. He knows well how to "sustain the interest" until the close of the last chapter, and to do that is vital. It must not be thought, however, that "The Brown Book" is simply and solely a sensational novel. It is a great deal more than that: it is well written, since Mr. Harris-Bursland is a stylist. The complaint against most "thrillers" and hair-raisers is that they are ignorantly written—that their production, if one may use the word, is bad. Here we have an exciting story of strange murders, rumours of treasure, and the like, and it is all excellently told. Nobody who spends a couple of evenings in reading "The Brown Book" will have wasted his time.

"The Brown Book." By J. B. Harris Bursland. Long. 7/6 net.

Mr. Wilfranc Hubbard's romance is set in modern Rome. He sketches in leisurely fashion detailed portraits of the group, composed of Italians, Americans, and English, with whom he is concerned. The most likeable of these is the hero, Jem Danyers, who has had a disastrous love affair in Italy before the story opens, and is brought back to the danger zone in the wake of his uncle, an admiral upon a diplomatic mission. Jem's happiness is bound up with Nina Savini, however, and the fates prove kinder when they meet again. The author is intimately acquainted with the social side of life in Rome, and writes with graceful ease.

"Compromise." By Wilfranc Hubbard. Macmillan. 7/6 net.

"Old Roses" is a good story of the purely melodramatic kind. It is a sequel to "The Pleasure Garden," and, like its predecessor, deals largely with stage life. The hero and heroine, villain and villainess, are all hall-marked, and easily recognisable. The heroine really has a most harrowing time. She is just comfortably married to the man of her heart, who is incidentally a peer with an income of £30,000 a year, when her first husband, a drunkard and philanderer, whom she believes to be dead, returns. The authoress, however, manipulates a complicated plot with much ingenuity and skill, and keeps the reader in a state of feverish anticipation up to the last page.

"Old Roses." By Oliver Sandys. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES.

DEPARTURE FROM CAIRO.

The 2nd Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles, which had formed portion of the Cairo garrison since May, 1921, left Cairo for Wellington, India, on November 27th. The battalion, before leaving, was inspected by His Excellency the High Commissioner, who spoke of the respect in which the men were held during their stay in Egypt.

During the great war the battalion went to France with the original Expeditionary Force as part of the 3rd Division, and took part in the operations in France and Belgium. Their battle record includes Mons, the Aisne, the Marne, first Ypres, Somme, Messines, third Ypres, Cambrai, and the final advance. Reformed at Aldershot in 1919, they were sent to Mesopotamia. Owing to the fact that the regiment had raised 22 battalions in Ulster during the war, its title was changed in 1921 to "The Royal Ulster Rifles." The battalion arrived in Cairo during the troublous days of 1921, when the men were largely employed on patrol duty in the Mousky and Abdin districts.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITALS.

The usual Christmas festivities were observed at Richmond Hospital, Dublin. No effort was spared by the matron and her staff to ensure the comfort and happiness of the patients. In addition to the Christmas fare, pipes, tobacco and cigarettes were provided for the male, and fruit, sweets and chocolates for the female patients.

A great surprise awaited the children when they awoke on Christmas morning, to find a Christmas tree standing in the centre of their ward, illuminated by a number of fairy lamps and laden with toys of every description. In the afternoon the toys were distributed by Father Christmas. Every ward of the hospital was tastefully decorated by the sisters and nurses. Two excellent concerts were given for the patients, at which the following ladies and gentlemen gave their services:—Christmas night — Miss Eileen Magee and dancing troupe, Miss Teresa Owens, Miss Coleman, Miss Byrne, Mr. Harry Lino, Mr. Chris. Bruton, Mr. W. Reidy, and Mr. J. O'Dea. St. Stephen's night—Mrs. H. Saunders, Miss E. Dagg, Miss E. McEntyre, Misses E. and F. Powderly, Miss Corrigan, Miss Hafner, Mr. H. Saunders, Mr. McGrath, Captain Kelly, Mr. Evans, Mr. Adams, Mr. Maguire, and Mr. McEntyre. At the piano—Miss E. Archer and Mr. H. Jackson.

At the Sanatorium, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, Christmas Day was thoroughly enjoyed by the patients. The recreation rooms and dining hall were decorated with an abundance of evergreens, gaily coloured lanterns and paper streamers. A dinner of ham, turkey, etc., was followed by plum pudding, fruit and minerals. Dancing commenced in the afternoon and continued until 10 o'clock, with an interval for tea, the programme being varied by numerous vocal items and recitations, contributed by the patients. At the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was conveyed to the Lady Superintendent and the nursing staff.

"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS."

The operetta, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," by Root, was given in St. Andrew's School, Bray, by the Pupils. A crowded house received the juvenile actors with well-deserved applause. The scenic effects and the picturesque dresses evoked general admiration. Miss Rhona Gibson and Miss Pearl Deane as Snow White and her Stepmother, the jealous queen, respectively, held the interest of the audience throughout. Master Eric Deane was a veritable Prince Charming, and won all hearts by his grace and his singing. Rodney Gibson as Faithful Carl, was very convincing. Maids of honour, pages, forest children, and dwarfs completed the cast, and made a pretty picture.

The performance was repeated on Thursday, and was succeeded by a distribution of prizes to successful pupils by Lord Ardee, who spoke a few encouraging words to children and teachers. The Rev. F. S. Gardiner presided.

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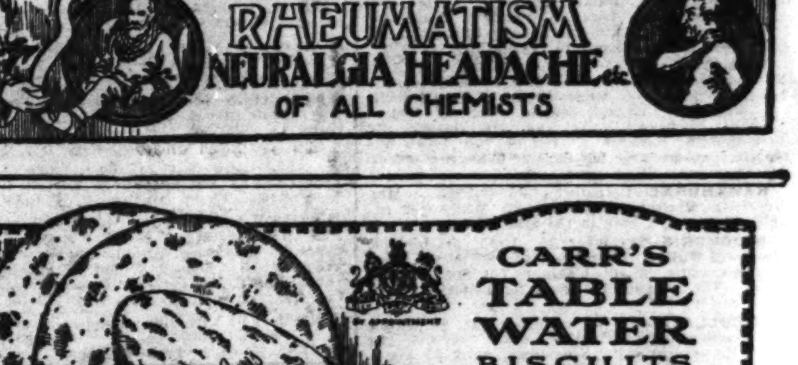

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DAIRYING METHODS.

AN EXPERT'S VIEWS.

After a long absence in New Zealand and Australia, where he now holds the position of Dairy Expert to the Commonwealth, Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan has returned to Ireland on a short holiday.

When seen by an *Irish Times* representative yesterday, Mr. O'Callaghan said that the name of Irish butter in London at present is not very high. This, he said, might be due to so much of the butter which is exported containing an excess of water. The standard percentage of water for creamery butter all over the world is 16 per cent., and samples carrying more than that amount naturally fall into a low grade.

With regard to the Australian dairying industry, he remarked that, having to send their produce to the British Isles, a distance of 12,000 miles, they were compelled to adopt the most scientific methods in its production. Otherwise they could not compete against the world.

Butter-makers in Ireland, he said, might be interested to know that Australian creamery butter intended for export must undergo a close inspection at the port of shipment, there to be graded and certified as up to a given standard by trained experts. Each creamery has a registered brand, which is used on each box of butter. The box is also marked so as to show when the butter was made. The creamery manager is notified of the grade in which his butter is placed, and can thus form some idea as to what price he may expect in the market.

Mr. O'Callaghan showed some samples of unsalted Australian butter, 20 days out of cold store, which seemed as fresh as butter two days old. This result is due to pasteurisation.

Questioned as to the consumption of butter in Australia, he said that it amounted to 29lb. per head of the population.

In Australia, as in Ireland, he said, winter dairying is not practised. It would not be economic. None of the cattle there are housed during the winter.

Mr. O'Callaghan added that he was not home on a commercial mission. He had been attending the International Dairying Congress in America and another function in Holland, and, returning to his native land, thought that the people here would like to compare notes with him.

The more outrageous a libel, the greater appears to be the penalty attaching to the process of refuting it.—Right Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P.

COUNTY DUBLIN RATES.

MINISTER'S REPLY TO FARMERS.

The following reply from the Minister for Local Government has been sent to Mr. T. P. O'Donoghue, secretary, County Dublin Farmers' Association, to representations made by a deputation from that association to the Ministers for Local Government and Agriculture, on the 10th inst.

Owing to the abnormal rise in the rate for the current year as compared with previous years, the deputation urged that the Government should provide a loan to meet the second moiety of the rate, the loan to be spread over a period of four or five years:—

"17th December, 1923.

"A CHARA,—With reference to the recent deputation to the Minister for Local Government from the County Dublin Farmers' Association, I am directed to state that the Minister has communicated a proposal to the Dublin County Council that an extension of time for the payment of the second moiety of the rates for the present year might be made to the end of June next.

"The Minister has carefully considered the various representations made by the association, and I am to state that he is fully in accord with the view that every pressure should be exerted to secure the payment of arrears of rates. No doubt your association will have observed that a special bill has been introduced for that purpose.

"Strong representations have been made to all the County Councils urging them to effect every possible economy towards easing the rating burden in the next financial year.

"The Minister is giving special consideration in the cases of two or three County Councils, including County Dublin, where the rates for the current year represent abnormal advances on the rates prevailing in 1913 and 1914, and previous years. He is at present in conference on the subject with the Ministers for Finance and Agriculture."

This reply was considered at a meeting of the Rates Committee of the County Dublin Farmers' Association held on Thursday last, when it was decided to press for a more definite reply to the proposal made in respect of the loan.

FATAL MOTOR CYCLE COLLISION. — Edward Farr, aged 19, who, whilst riding a motor cycle on Christmas morning, collided with a car, and Frank Seccombe, aged 55, a local resident, who was walking across the road, were injured at Surbiton, Surrey, and died later in the local hospital.

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CATTLE DISEASE RAGING.

PRECAUTIONS IN THE FREE STATE.

Yesterday 39 fresh cases of foot-and-mouth disease were reported, 27 of them from Cheshire. The others are in Cumberland, Durham, Gloucester, Lancashire, Northumberland, Salop, Stafford and Worcester.

The total number of outbreaks confirmed to date is 1,564.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

HAY AND STRAW IMPORTS PROHIBITED.

We have been officially informed that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction have made an Order, coming into force on the 7th January, 1924, the effect of which is to prohibit the landing in the Free State of hay or straw in any form coming from any port or place in Great Britain. This means that even hay or straw used at the time in packing merchandise, or coming as manufactured articles, will not be allowed to be landed.

The new Order has been made on account of the widespread incidence of foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain, and the consequent great danger of its spreading to this country. The Department have always regarded hay or straw coming in any form from a country where disease exists as a means whereby the disease might be introduced, but they have hitherto exempted from the general prohibition hay or straw used in the packing of merchandise and manufactured straw, in view of the interference with ordinary trade which the prohibition of such material would entail. They feel, however, that the present disease position in Great Britain is so serious that no practicable precaution against the risk of infection should be neglected, and that the withdrawal of these exemptions is entirely justified.

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in this country involves the entire holding up of the cattle trade until the disease is brought under effective control. The whole agricultural industry is affected, and the taxpayers may be called upon to provide large sums of money to be paid as compensation to owners of animals slaughtered on account of the disease. The Department feel that the losses which would follow from an outbreak of the disease would be far greater than any inconveniences which may be caused to the trading community by the restrictions now imposed, and they have confidence that traders will accept the new Order in the spirit in which it is made. If the disease position in Great Britain improves it is hoped that the Order may be modified or withdrawn at an early date.

The Department have taken steps to make the provisions of the Order known throughout Great Britain, but, of course, it is possible that it may not be brought to the notice of every individual British trader before the Order comes into operation. It will, therefore, save trouble and expense if each trader in the Free State will immediately communicate with the traders in Great Britain with whom he transacts business and explain the situation to them.

The prohibition provided in the new Order applies also to foreign hay or straw coming to the Free State via Great Britain; and the Department have in hands the question of the prohibition of these materials coming direct from foreign countries.

PORT BOARD'S VIEWS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board copies of Orders were received from the Department of Agriculture in relation to the disinfection of persons and imported packing, and also prohibiting the landing of hay and straw in any form coming from any port or place in Great Britain as from January 7 next.

Mr. William Field said that he thought that an Order might be issued against those who received consignments to see that the packing was burned.

After a short discussion the Chairman (Mr. David Barry) said that the country had been immune for a long time, and he thought that they might leave the matter to their own very live Department.

VETERINARY SURGEON'S SUGGESTIONS.

Mr. J. T. Clinton, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector to the Louth County Council, has addressed a letter to the Council, in which he expresses his approval of the Irish Agricultural Department's recent Hay and Straw Order. He suggests that the Civic Guard should be asked to find out each day from the shipping and railway companies the names of merchants and others who have received goods in packing material, and that they compel the owners to burn the material at once under their supervision.

Another and, perhaps, as likely a way by which the disease may enter this country is by the boots and clothes of people coming from England or Scotland. I am aware, Mr. Clinton says, that cattle dealers, drovers, and others in contact with cattle across the water are subject to disinfection on landing here, but they are only a very small percentage of those coming into the country who might convey the disease. Numbers of racing and touring men, bookmakers, and others go from this country to sporting meetings in England, and they mingle there with all classes who may have come from infected areas and who may well be carriers of the disease. It is not too much to assume that it is at least possible that infection may be carried back by those people, and for this reason I would strongly suggest that every person coming into this country be subjected to disinfection, and that this be preferably carried out on board the boats on which passengers travel. The same order should, of course, be employed with sailors reaching this country on merchant ships.

SAVING THE HERDS.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease Committee appointed at the meeting of 400 farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture officials a few days ago in London is to meet for the second time next week, probably on Thursday. It will consider alternative policies to the wholesale slaughtering of animals in the infected areas, whereby nearly 100,000 cattle, sheep, and goats have been already destroyed. Sir Stewart Stockman, chief veterinary officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, will meet the Committee.

ENGLISH PROHIBITION ORDER.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Dublin) have been officially informed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London, that the local authority of the Borough of Congleton has made regulations, operating from the 1st January, prohibiting the movement into their district of animals imported from Ireland, either direct from the port of landing or until the expiration of one calendar month from the date of their importation.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

The Irish Free State Government Publicity Department states that 166 prisoners were released from various internment camps on Christmas Eve. This leaves 1,886 still in custody.

Among those who have recently been released are Madame Markievicz and Alderman Charles Murphy, of Dublin. The following members of the Dail are still detained:—Mr. de Valera, Mr. Austin Stack, Mr. Ernest O'Malley, Mr. T. Kilroy, and Mr. B. Mellowes.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL A TRAIN.

The 9.55 train from Larne Harbour on Christmas Eve encountered an obstruction on the line a little on the Larne side of Magheramorne Station, but this was cleared off by the lifeguard of the engine. On arriving at Ballycarry, the train officials found that the engine's lifeguard had been broken off, and further inquiries disclosed the fact that near Magheramorne a pair of logie wheels had been placed astride the right-hand rail of the up line.

When struck by the engine the obstruction was carried forward for about thirty yards, its movement snapping off a chair or two from the sleepers, and tearing up the permanent way slightly, but failing to derail the train, which at this place would have a speed of about 20 miles an hour.

The act is believed to have been the work of drunken blackguards, rather than a serious attempt to derail the train.

PORTORA SCHOOL.

MANY SUCCESSES DURING THE YEAR.

LONG WAITING LIST.

The annual "Speech Day" at Portora School, Enniskillen, was held on the evening of the 20th inst., when the chair was occupied by the Bishop of Clogher (the Right Rev. James M'Mannway, M.A.), the new Chairman of the Board of Governors.

The Headmaster, in his report, stated that the numbers on the roll remained at the highest level—the number of boarders was limited to 105. They had still a waiting list, and boys had been entered for the school as far ahead as 1926. Their academic record was, perhaps, the best all round one which it had fallen to his lot to read. The university record was excellent, and included 3rd and 9th Junior Exhibitions and the Biggs Memorial Prize at T.C.D., 3rd Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Classics, and 3rd Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Legal and Political Science, and a special research prize of £50, and a Junior Moderatorship in Natural Science. Other distinctions gained at Dublin University during the year included the Berkeley Gold Medal for Greek, Vice-Chancellor's Latin Medal, Honours and Prizes of the First Class, including first of the first three times in Legal and Political Science. Seven of their boys had entered Trinity College this year, one taking first high place at entrance. W. Holmes had taken eleventh place in the India Civil Service examination. Civil Service and bank clerkships had also been gained. (Applause.)

At the Intermediate Examinations many exhibitions and prizes had also been won, including two Exhibitions (classics and science) in the Senior Grade, and a First Class Exhibition (mathematics) in the Middle Grade, and three Medals for Latin, Applied Mathematics and History and Political Geography. 86 per cent. of all their candidates had passed. (Applause.)

The School had been no less successful in the field of athletics. Cricket, rowing, swimming, boxing, football, and athletics generally all reached the highest level attained for some years. A fine racing four had been added during the year to their small fleet of racing boats.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

One of their ambitions, foreshadowed last year, had at last been realised. The War Office had sanctioned the raising at Portora of a contingent of the Officers' Training Corps. For this privilege the School was mainly indebted to the powerful influence of the Marquis of Londonderry, to whom their best thanks were due. Under the new Army Regulations, which would take effect in 1925, the value of possessing such a contingent would be greatly enhanced.

Portora was now represented on the English Headmasters' Conference. The School was identifying itself more closely and practically than before with the T.C.D. Mission.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

Continuing, the Headmaster referred to the Northern Education Act, and said that while that measure certainly was not all that they desired, or as they thought they deserved, with all its shortcomings it offered a great charter of hope, progress and security. It was to be hoped that it would grant them the maximum of liberty, compatible with efficiency. Nothing definite, so far as he knew, had been arranged as to pensions, but as the cost to the State for the first few years was sure to be trivial, the scale fixed, he trusted, would not be ungenerous.

The arch-grievance of Irish secondary schoolmasters hitherto had been that, with no possible opportunities of saving, they had been left with the prospect of destitution in old age, if they were hapless enough to survive so long. In his opinion, it was not so important that the initial salaries should be large, as that a man or woman should look forward, after a career of nervous strain and strenuous work, to retirement with a modest competence. While sympathising with the Minister of Finance in his great duty of balancing his budget, they would warn him against making the conditions in this respect such that they could not attract good men from the other side. It was his unpleasant experience of the past six years that very few capable and competent Irishmen had entered the teaching profession at all.

The Head Master then referred to the losses that the School had suffered by the deaths of the late Bishop of Clogher (the Right Rev. Dr. Day) and the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Gibson.

Mr. Seale mentioned that a change room had been built for the junior school, that an electric lighting plant had been installed, and that other improvements had been made in the building and its equipments during the year. The school was past, present, and future—past to inspire, present to improve, future to secure. It was they—the board, head master, staff, and boys—who represented the present, and it was their hope that it would one day be their pride and privilege to hand the school on to their successors greater in *prestige*, traditions and prosperity, having made it in the eyes of others what all of them there would fain acclaim it now—the foremost school in Ireland.

THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman, who was cordially received, said Portora was founded 305 years ago, and from that time until now many brilliant boys had been sent forth from it. Wherever the English language was spoken the names "Enniskillen" and "Portora" were well known. It was, therefore, not to be wondered at that parents in the South and West, as well as in the North, who knew the history of the school were anxious to send their boys to it.

They had still a waiting list and no vacancies. The care bestowed upon the boys made every member of the Governing Board proud to have under its jurisdiction a school so happily conducted. He congratulated the head master most heartily, and also his staff, for a more loyal staff could not be found in any school in the United Kingdom. Also might he congratulate Mrs. Seale, for in her the boys had "the better man of the lot." (Applause.)

Major Sir Charles Falls presented the prizes.

CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

A CRIMEAN VETERAN.

The death occurred at Hove yesterday of a Crimean veteran, James Sheppard Hooper, who attained his hundredth year on December 6th.

He was a native of Exmouth. At the fall of Sebastopol he was aboard the Princess Royal.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' SALARIES.

"PREMATURE AND GROUNDLESS" REPORTS.

Messrs. A. Rutledge, President, and J. H. Kane, Vice-President of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, write warning secondary teachers to place no credence in "premature and groundless reports as to agreement between the Ministries of Education and Finance regarding scales of salaries for teachers in secondary schools." They add that when such agreement is reached the teachers will be informed in the usual way by the Central Executive Committee of the Association.

FIRE IN NENAGH.

At about one o'clock on St. Stephen's morning, as some young men were going home in Nenagh, they saw smoke issuing from the fanlight of Mr. John McGrath's licensed premises in Barrack street. They gave the alarm and broke in the door, only to find the whole shop in flames. Mr. McGrath and his wife and assistants hurried from their beds. The Civic Guard turned out, and were later joined by the military with the Urban Council's fire engine, and they succeeded in subduing the flames, but not before much damage had been done.

Insurance at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warner, Manager. Agents everywhere.—(Advt.)

FATALLY BURNED. — A second death has occurred as the result of the fire in Glasgow, Andrew Stewart, who jumped from a window, succumbing to burning injuries in the Royal Infirmary.

MIDNIGHT VISITORS.

POLICE COURT STORY OF A ROBBERY.

An extraordinary Christmas night burglary was committed at a Kingstown public-house. The affair was brought before Mr. Collins, K.C., at the Kingstown Police Court yesterday, when eight men were accused of breaking into the public-house, stealing whiskey, wine and cigarettes, and then breaking into a private house, and, in spite of the protest of the woman who occupied it, drinking and smoking at their leisure. The goods stolen were valued at over £15, and about £1 2s. 6d. in money was also missed.

The accused men were:—Hugh Cromie, 19 Cumberland street; Joseph O'Brien, 1 Crofton parade; John Byrne, 14 Avoca square; James Merrigan, 48 Patrick street; William Corcoran, 2 Bruce's court; Peter Dunster, 18 Albert place, York road; Peter Farrell, 7 Paradise row, Kingstown, and Private Edward O'Brien, National Army, Stuart Barracks, Curragh.

Michael Carroll, publican, 75 York road, Kingstown, gave evidence of locking up his shop at 9 p.m., and of finding, three hours later, that the place had been broken into. Three gallons of whiskey, three bottles of gin, three bottles of Port wine, some cigarettes and cash in silver and coppers, to the value of £15 8s. 3d., were missing.

Katherine Tallon, 28 Barrett street, Kingstown, stated that between 10 and 11 o'clock on Christmas night she was awakened by hearing her front door being burst in. A man shouted for a corkscrew, and when she came down she saw in her kitchen a number of men, among whom were Farrell, Byrne, Dunster, Corcoran, Edward O'Brien, the soldier, and Cromie. They had a lot of whiskey and wine in bottles on the kitchen table. She told them to leave her house or she would go for the police. They told her not to open her lips, and that she and the house would be all right. The soldier put his back to the door and said that he took charge of the house and of her, and told her to say nothing.

Detective Constable Duane gave evidence of the arrest of the prisoners and of statements made by some of them.

Inspector O'Neill gave evidence as to assisting in the arrest of Joseph O'Brien and Cromie, and said that they shouted and resisted.

Mr. Collins remanded Cromie, Merrigan and Joseph O'Brien in custody, but allowed the other men out on bail.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

CHILDREN POISONED BY GAS. — While a family were sleeping in a house in Balcurre street, Edinburgh, a leakage occurred in the gas service pipe. Three children were badly affected, and one of them, John Turnbull, the youngest, died soon after admission to hospital. Two other children were detained.

TWO NEW RECORDERS. — It is officially announced that the King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has been pleased to appoint Mr. James Willoughby Jardine to be Recorder of Halifax and Mr. John Edwin Mitchell to be Recorder of Rye, in place of the late Mr. Slade Butler.

BIG ADDITION TO THE FAMILY.—A telegram from St. John, New Brunswick, reports the birth of quadruplets. Three girls and one boy arrived as a Christmas present to a Mr. and Mrs. William Mahaney, of that city. The four babies are apparently strong and in good health. Their parents have already a family of three boys and two girls.

FORTUNE TELLING AT GLASGOW. — Ellen Ritchie, a fortune teller, was fined a guinea at Glasgow for professing to tell fortunes with intent to deceive the public. Complaints by neighbours of the volume of traffic on the stairs led to a raid, when the police found fifteen women on the premises waiting to have their fortunes told at sixpence a time.

EDINBURGH'S HOUR OF GLOOM.—Owing to the failure of the electric light, Princes street and a large central area of Edinburgh was on Wednesday plunged into darkness for an hour. Hotels, post offices, cinemas, and shops were all affected, and candles were requisitioned to carry on business at some places.

X-RAY HERO REWARDED. — The Carnegie Hero Fund Trustees have awarded the Honorary Certificate and allowance of £75 per annum to Mr. Reginald Blackall, Leigh-on-Sea, radiographer at the London Hospital from 1900 to 1920, who, as the result of X-ray work, contracted carcinoma, necessitating the amputation of both hands.

A FOOTBALLER'S DEATH. — The death occurred in Lincoln County Hospital of Ernest William Ironmonger, a promising Lincoln Footballer, who played full-back. He turned out for his club, Newark Town, against the Notts Forest Reserves, in the first round of the Notts Senior Cup, played on Newark ground on Saturday, and came into collision with an opposing forward and sustained severe internal injuries.

TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH.—During a Christmas party at the Workingmen's Club at Cwmcarn, near Newport, the premises were completely destroyed by fire. Early yesterday morning the bodies of two men were found in the ruins. They were identified as those of John Nicholson and Archibald Davies, both colliers. It transpires that they were members of the steward's Christmas party, and probably lost their lives in an effort to save the furniture.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.—An inquest was opened at St. Pancras, London, on Gustav Rudolph Williams (35), manufacturer's agent, of Stroud Green, who was killed on the railway between King's Cross and Farringdon street last Thursday, after, it was alleged, he had attacked Miss Daisy Cotter, of Crouch End, with an iron bar in a second class carriage. It was stated that it was expected that Miss Cotter would be all right in a week, and the inquiry was adjourned till January 7th.

WOMAN SETS HERSELF ON FIRE.—Nellie Froggatt, wife of a Ladywood licensee, was stated, at an inquest at Birmingham yesterday, to have set herself on fire early on Boxing Day, causing burns to which she succumbed. The husband said that her nerves had been affected for some time. She appeared sad on Christmas Day, and early next morning he found her in an attic in flames. She told a neighbour that she poured petrol on her clothes and applied a light. A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

SCOTTISH EDUCATIONAL METHODS.—At the annual Congress of the teaching profession in Scotland, the President, Mr. B. Skinner, emphasising the necessity of dispensing education in the widest sense in the interests of the child as a rational being, said that its nature and amount should depend on the mental endowment of each individual. He condemned the practice in the interests of economy of employing a cheaper and less efficient teacher, to the exclusion of those of higher qualifications now walking the streets, as nothing less than a tragedy.

MAYOR AND MAYORESS INJURED.—An unfortunate accident befell the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax (Alderman and Mrs. Thomas) on Christmas Day. As is customary, on Christmas Day the Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, was intending to make a tour of the district public institutions. They were making their way to the infirmary when their motor car came into collision with another car near the infirmary. The Mayor was cut about the face and head by falling glass, and the Mayoress suffered from shock. Later the Mayor and Mayoress were conveyed home.

TWO MEN KILLED.—At an inquest on two men, George Ellis Chicken (46), building contractor, and Henry Youles (61), who were killed by the fall of a concrete floor at a new building which is being erected at Plaistow, Charles Robert Green, a labourer, said that he thought that the weather had had an effect on the concrete, which, in his opinion, had been properly mixed. Miles Walter Hudson, a building inspector, said that the material which had fallen was in a sodden and disintegrated condition, and it was not thoroughly set. In his opinion, the construction of the floor was faulty. The Coroner returned a verdict of death by misadventure in each case.

PRISONER COLLAPSES IN THE DOCK. — At Hastings, Walter James Edward Wright (25), of St. Leonard's, was charged with the attempted murder of Elsie Maria Palmer, of Winchelsea road, Hastings. On entering the dock the accused burst into tears and collapsed and was lifted into a seat. The Chief Constable said that Miss Palmer was still in hospital. The prisoner and the girl had been keeping company for about three or four years, and at times disagreed. Last Saturday apparently there was a breach. The prisoner called at the sweet shop where the girl was employed, and at the entrance to a small room there was a flash and a report, and the girl fell. A constable who came into the shop at once closed with the man and took a revolver from him. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

RECORDS THAT SHOULD BE IN EVERY HOME

(Third List)

Kirkby Lunn	8/8
Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix (Samson et Delila)	*Saint-Saëns*
Ansseau	8/8
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Caruso	8/8
Agnus Dei	*Bizet*
Julia Culp	8/4
The Cottage Maid	*Beethoven*
John McCormack	8/8
Una furtiva lagrima (L'Elisir d'Amore)	*Donisetti*
Mabel Garrison	8/8
Les Oiseaux dans la charmille (Tales of Hoffman)	*Offenbach*
Martinelli	6/4
Ideale	*Tosti*
Journet	8/8
Pif, paf, pouf (Les Huguenots)	*Meyerbeer*
Evan Williams	8/8
Comfort ye, my people (Messiah)	*Handel*
Royal Albert Hall Orchestra (Conducted by SIR LANDON RONALD)	7/6 each
Capriccio Italien (Parts 1 & 2)	*Tchaikovsky*
Marche Hongroise	*Berlios*
Marche Militaire	*Schubert*
Flonzaley Quartet	8/8
Nocturne	*Borodin*
The Coldstream Guards Band	5/3
Morning, Noon and Night—Overture	*Suppé*
Pique Dame—Overture	*Suppé*
Alfred Lester	5/3
Village Fire Brigade	
Scene-Shifter's Lament	
Gresham Singers	7/6
Oh Honey, Ma Honey	*Caryll*
D'ye Ken John Peel	*Folk Song*
Carmen Hill	5/3
Mifanwy	*Forster*
When the dream is there	*Guy d'Hardelot*
The Symphony Orchestra (Conducted by ALBERT COATES)	8/8
The Children's Corner, No. 6—The Golliwog's Cake Walk	*Debussy*
Kikimora, Op. 63	*Liadov*
Charles Tree	5/3
Fat lil' feller wid his Mammy's Eyes	*Gordon*
Kitty! (what a pity)	*Fletcher*
Grand Opera Company	7/6
Vocal Gems—Cavalleria Rusticana	*Mascagni*
" " —Carmen	*Bizet*
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ARCHÆOLOGY AND THE BIBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The reading of the most interesting account of Professor Macalister's discoveries in Palestine, and your leading article in today's paper, called to mind words written by the late Dr. Emil Reich some years ago in his book on "The Failure of the Higher Criticism," in which he said: "The 'Higher Critics' pride themselves on being honest people, who, at the risk of being persecuted, poor souls! will call a spade a spade. Now, this is precisely the instrument that will exterminate them. They call, they say, a spade a spade. Have they not yet learned to dread what the spade will call them?"

At a meeting of some nine or ten thousand people held in the Albert Hall, London, a few weeks ago, to affirm belief in the full inspiration of the Bible as the Word of God and in the great evangelical doctrines, a letter was read from Professor A. H. Sayce, of Oxford, the famous Assyriologist, in which he said: "The sceptical attitude towards the records of the Old and New Testaments is to-day usually the mark of ignorance or semi-knowledge. The leading scientists have returned in great measure to what may be termed the traditional views on the subject, and nowhere is this more strikingly the case than as regards the historical records of Scripture. Archæology, based on scientific excavation, has demolished the assumptions and conclusions of subjective criticism, and it is not going too far to say that the remarkable discoveries of the last thirty years have, with hardly an exception, been dead against the most confident decisions of the merely literary critic and in favour of the trustworthiness of our records. The early use of writing for literary purposes in the Near East, the high state of culture and sea communication in the Abrahamic and Mosaic ages, and the accuracy of details in the Babylonian narratives have all alike been demonstrated, and the so-called critical rout in the field of Old Testament history is as complete as it has been in the field of early Greek history. Each fresh discovery confirms this. The latest has just been made by the American excavators at Bethshan, who have discovered a slab of Rameses II., in which he refers to the city of Rameses and tells us that it had been built for him by Asiatics."

Yet these sceptical views towards the records of the Old and New Testaments, which Professor Sayce declares to be the mark of ignorance or semi-knowledge, are still propounded in many theological colleges, and that with an air of superiority and scorn which is calculated to wither all but the invincibly ignorant of those holding traditional views—"for, of course, we must be scientific!"—Yours, etc.,

A. MORROW.

Molyneux Church, Dublin,
December 27th, 1923.

WINTER THUNDERSTORMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In conjunction with the Meteorological Office I propose to make a "census" of winter thunderstorms in the first three months of 1924. In 1923 there were thunderstorms somewhere in the British Islands on fifty-two days out of the first ninety days of the year. This is probably an abnormal number. The investigation can only be carried out with the help of the public, and I should be much obliged if any of your readers would report to me, by postcard or otherwise, any thunder or lightning they may observe between January 1st and March 31st. The date and time are important, and, in the case of lightning at night, the direction in which it is seen.

Any other information is useful, such as whether the storm is severe, whether it passes overhead, whether there is rain, hail or snow, much wind, a change of wind, or a drop of temperature during the storm. Observations are welcome from all parts of the British Islands, and are particularly needed from Ireland and the Highlands and Western seaboard of Scotland. Observations may be sent in as storms occur or, if preferred, at the end of the period. A record that no storm was noted at any place during the three months is as valuable as the record of a storm.—Yours, etc.,

C. J. P. CAVE.

Stoner Hill, Petersfield,
December 26th, 1923.

A HIGHLAND APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It has been resolved to open a fund under the auspices of *An Comunn* to aid in the relief of the highlands and islands. The necessity for such relief is only too sadly apparent to all. The need is not only immediate, but will continue for some months, and a large sum will be required to meet it. Members of *An Comunn*, its branches and affiliated societies are asked to give the most sympathetic consideration to this appeal.

Contributions from them, and from the public generally, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, Mr. Robert Macfarlane, C.A., at this address.—Yours, etc.,

ANGUS ROBERTSON, President.
NEIL SHAW, Secretary.
An Comunn Gaidhealach
(The Highland Association).

114 West Campbell street, Glasgow,
December 26th, 1923.

ROYAL AIR FORCE EXPANSION.

ADDITIONAL PILOTS TO BE ENROLLED.

The Air Ministry announces:—The expansion of the Reserve of Air Force officers by the admission of ex-officers of the Flying Services, and others with special qualifications for flying and technical duties, which was decided upon in February last, has proved an unqualified success, and the number of pilots asked for the Reserve during the present year were obtained without serious difficulty. Four civil schools have been established for training Reserve pilots—near London by the De Havilland Aircraft Co., at Bristol by the Bristol Aeroplane Co., at Coventry by the Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft, Ltd., and near Glasgow by Sir William Beardmore and Co. Approximately, 250,000 miles have been flown by Reserve pilots at these schools since their formation.

It has now been decided that a further expansion of the Reserve should take place immediately, in order to increase the strength of the Reserve, and the Royal Air Force is, therefore, prepared to enrol, approximately, 200 additional pilots for the Reserve from those who served as pilots in the Flying Services during the war, or who hold civil licences for flying commercial aircraft.

As a large proportion of the pilots who have already entered the Reserve reside south of the Trent, where three of the present training schools are situated, it has also been decided to establish within a short time two new training schools in the North of England, so that better facilities can be provided to ex-pilots residing in the North than exist at present, and it is, therefore, hoped that the present announcement will result in an adequate response to join the Reserve from ex-pilots residing north of the Trent and in Scotland, where the numbers desired have not yet been obtained. It is proposed to open one of the new schools at a convenient centre in the North-West of England, and the other at Brough, in Yorkshire, where the first seaplane training will be undertaken. Landplane training will also be given at this school. Candidates for the Reserve, who should not be, as a general rule, more than 31 years of age, and who must enrol for a minimum period of three years' service, will be interviewed by a Selection Committee and examined by a Medical Board either in London or at certain centres in the North, which will be notified in due course.

FISHING TRAGEDY.

ONLY TWO SURVIVE OUT OF CREW OF SEVEN.

PARIS, Thursday.

A tragic end has befallen the crew of a Brittany fishing vessel, the Pierre Marianne, which left Douarnenez to fish on the Moroccan coast. In the Bay of Biscay the vessel ran into a fierce storm. It sprang a leak, and went down with the skipper on board.

The seven members of the crew were able to put off in the vessel's boat. The survivors battled for days against storms, cold and hunger. Two became mad and jumped into the sea, and three died of exposure. Finally, the remaining two, suffering seriously from frost bite, were picked up by another fishing boat and taken into La Rochelle.—(Reuter.)

PARLOURMAID'S FURY.

ATTACKED MISTRESS WITH A HAMMER.

Arising out of an attack made early on Wednesday morning on Mrs. George Varty Rogers, a wealthy widow, aged 70 years, at her house in South Kensington, Dorothy Foster, aged 26, a parlourmaid in the injured lady's service, was remanded at the West London Police Court yesterday, charged with the attempted murder of her mistress.

The prisoner cried while in the dock.

A detective stated that when he spoke to Foster the latter said, "I did it because she said I was a fast woman. I got a hammer from downstairs. I then telephoned for the police." Subsequently the accused made a written statement.

Mrs. Rogers, added the witness, was seriously injured. She was struck on the head six times.

The magistrate suggested that the accused should be medically examined.

BOY MCCORMICK'S APPEAL. — Boy McCormick, the pugilist, and three others, who were convicted at the Manchester Sessions last week in connection with the Manchester office assault case, are giving notice of appeal against the sentences imposed on them.

THE MINERS' BALLOT.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation met in London yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the coalfields' ballot, which a Delegate Conference of the Federation decided should be taken on the question of whether notice be given to terminate the present national agreement.

At the close of the meeting the Secretary, Mr. Frank Hodges, M.P., stated that it had been decided that the ballot should take place on January 10th, and that the returns of the vote should be at the head office in London not later than January 14th. The Executive will meet during that week to consider the returns, and an application will be made to the Mining Association for a meeting, at which the result of the ballot will be considered.

Mr. Hodges added—"The form of the ballot paper will be simple, and members will be asked to state whether or not they are in favour of terminating the present National Wages Agreement by giving the necessary three months' notice. The recommendation of the Executive and the Special Delegate Conference will be indicated on the ballot paper—namely, that the men be advised to vote in favour of giving notice to terminate the agreement."

Mr. Hodges further stated that "half members" of the Federation, boys and youths, will be excluded from voting. The age varies in different districts, some being full members at sixteen and others only at eighteen. Mr. Hodges estimated that out of a total membership of 780,000 miners not more than 75,000 youths will be debarred from voting.

It is learned that as this ballot is regarded only as a referendum, an actual majority will be sufficient to justify the Executive in giving the formal three months' notice to end the agreement, but if the majority is very small, the Committee will necessarily consider the situation. If the ballot clearly authorises the course recommended to the men, the three months' notice to terminate the agreement will be tendered, but the intention is to conduct negotiations with the owners while the notice is running, and it is hoped that during the three months modifications to meet the miners' claims or a fresh agreement will be arranged.

Mr. Hodges made it clear last night that notice to terminate the agreement would not be a notice to end "contracted relationships." He said that notice to terminate contracts, which meant a withdrawal of labour, could only be given after it had been authorised by a further ballot vote, which would have to be taken after this one if the Federation considered it necessary, and, under the rules relating to stoppages, there could only be notice to terminate contracts and withdraw labour if, of those actually voting, there was a two-thirds majority in favour of ending contracts.

The Miners' Federation desires a higher minimum wage and a readjustment of the ratio of profits to wages in the division of the surplus on a basis more favourable to the men.

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RAILWAY BALLOT.

NEW YEAR MAY BRING TROUBLE IN ENGLAND.

Ballot papers, relating to the award of the National Wages Board for the British railways, were sent out yesterday from the London office of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen to the 59,000 members involved in the proposed revisions of the national agreement. The papers are returnable on January 2nd. Asked how the men, in his opinion, would vote, the Assistant Secretary of the Society said:—

"The men will have an entirely free choice. There is no recommendation from the Executive, and the decision is being left to the members. The responsibility of acceptance or rejection will be taken by them, and the Executive will act as the majority desires."

The question of a strike, if a majority of the men rejected the proposed revisions, would not arise immediately, and the Executive would approach the railway companies in an endeavour to negotiate.

WORKMEN GASSED. — Five workmen were gassed, one fatally, whilst engaged in cleaning flues at Clarence Ironworks, near Middlesbro', yesterday.

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CATTLE DISEASE RAGING.

PRECAUTIONS IN THE FREE STATE.

Yesterday 39 fresh cases of foot-and-mouth disease were reported, 27 of them from Cheshire. The others are in Cumberland, Durham, Gloucester, Lancashire, Northumberland, Salop, Stafford and Worcester.

The total number of outbreaks confirmed to date is 1,664.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

HAY AND STRAW IMPORTS PROHIBITED.

We have been officially informed that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction have made an Order, coming into force on the 7th January, 1924, the effect of which is to prohibit the landing in the Free State of hay or straw in any form coming from any port or place in Great Britain. This means that even hay or straw used at the time in packing merchandise, or coming as manufactured articles, will not be allowed to be landed.

The new Order has been made on account of the widespread incidence of foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain, and the consequent great danger of its spreading to this country. The Department have always regarded hay or straw coming in any form from a country where disease exists as a means whereby the disease might be introduced, but they have hitherto exempted from the general prohibition hay or straw used in the packing of merchandise and manufactured straw, in view of the interference with ordinary trade which the prohibition of such material would entail. They feel, however, that the present disease position in Great Britain is so serious that no practicable precaution against the risk of infection should be neglected, and that the withdrawal of these exemptions is entirely justified.

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in this country involves the entire holding up of the cattle trade until the disease is brought under effective control. The whole agricultural industry is affected, and the taxpayers may be called upon to provide large sums of money to be paid as compensation to owners of animals slaughtered on account of the disease. The Department feel that the losses which would follow from an outbreak of the disease would be far greater than any inconveniences which may be caused to the trading community by the restrictions now imposed, and they have confidence that traders will accept the new Order in the spirit in which it is made. If the disease position in Great Britain improves it is hoped that the Order may be modified or withdrawn at an early date.

The Department have taken steps to make the provisions of the Order known throughout Great Britain, but, of course, it is possible that it may not be brought to the notice of every individual British trader before the Order comes into operation. It will, therefore, save trouble and expense if each trader in the Free State will immediately communicate with the traders in Great Britain with whom he transacts business and explain the situation to them.

The prohibition provided in the new Order applies also to foreign hay or straw coming to the Free State via Great Britain; and the Department have in hands the question of the prohibition of these materials coming direct from foreign countries.

PORT BOARD'S VIEWS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board copies of Orders were received from the Department of Agriculture in relation to the disinfection of persons and imported packing, and also prohibiting the landing of hay and straw in any form coming from any port or place in Great Britain as from January 7 next.

Mr. William Field said that he thought that an Order might be issued against those who received consignments to see that the packing was burned.

After a short discussion the Chairman (Mr. David Barry) said that the country had been immune for a long time, and he thought that they might leave the matter to their own very live Department.

VETERINARY SURGEON'S SUGGESTIONS.

Mr. J. T. Clinton, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector to the Louth County Council, has addressed a letter to the Council, in which he expresses his approval of the Irish Agricultural Department's recent Hay and Straw Order. He suggests that the Civic Guard should be asked to find out each day from the shipping and railway companies the names of merchants and others who have received goods in packing material, and that they compel the owners to burn the material at once under their supervision.

Another and, perhaps, as likely a way by which the disease may enter this country is by the boots and clothes of people coming from England or Scotland. I am aware, Mr. Clinton says, that cattle dealers, drovers, and others in contact with cattle across the water are subject to disinfection on landing here, but they are only a very small percentage of those coming into the country who might convey the disease. Numbers of racing and coursing men, bookmakers, and others go from this country to sporting meetings in England, and they mingle there with all classes who may have come from infected areas and who may well be carriers of the disease. It is not too much to assume that it is at least possible that infection may be carried back by those people, and for this reason I would strongly suggest that every person coming into this country be subjected to disinfection, and that this be preferably carried out on board the boats on which passengers travel. The same order should, of course, be employed with sailors reaching this country on merchant ships.

SAVING THE HERDS.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease Committee appointed at the meeting of 400 farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture officials a few days ago in London is to meet for the second time next week, probably on Thursday. It will consider alternative policies to the wholesale slaughtering of animals in the infected areas, whereby nearly 100,000 cattle, sheep, and goats have been already destroyed. Sir Stewart Stockman, chief veterinary officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, will meet the Committee.

ENGLISH PROHIBITION ORDER.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Dublin) have been officially informed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London, that the local authority of the Borough of Congleton has made regulations, operating from the 1st January, prohibiting the movement into their district of animals imported from Ireland, either direct from the port of landing or until the expiration of one calendar month from the date of their importation.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

The Irish Free State Government Publicity Department states that 166 prisoners were released from various internment camps on Christmas Eve. This leaves 1,866 still in custody.

Among those who have recently been released are Madame Markievicz and Alderman Charles Murphy, of Dublin. The following members of the Dail are still detained:—Mr. de Valera, Mr. Austin Stack, Mr. Ernest O'Malley, Mr. T. Kilroy, and Mr. B. Mellowes.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL A TRAIN.

The 9.58 train from Larne Harbour on Christmas Eve encountered an obstruction on the line a little on the Larne side of Magheramorne Station, but this was cleared off by the lifeguard of the engine. On arriving at Ballyeasry, the train officials found that the engine's lifeguard had been broken off, and further inquiries disclosed the fact that near Magheramorne a pair of bogie wheels had been placed astride the right-hand rail of the up line.

When struck by the engine the obstruction was carried forward for about thirty yards, its movement snapping off a chair or two from the sleepers, and tearing up the permanent way slightly, but failing to derail the train, which at this place would have a speed of about 20 miles an hour.

The act is believed to have been the work of drunken blackguards, rather than a serious attempt to derail the train.

PORTORA SCHOOL.

MANY SUCCESSES DURING THE YEAR.

LONG WAITING LIST.

The annual "Speech Day" at Portora School, Enniskillen, was held on the evening of the 20th inst., when the chair was occupied by the Bishop of Clogher (the Right Rev. James M'Manaway, M.A.), the new Chairman of the Board of Governors.

The Headmaster, in his report, stated that the numbers on the roll remained at the highest level—the number of boarders was limited to 105. They had still a waiting list, and boys had been entered for the school as far ahead as 1926. Their academic record was, perhaps, the best all round one which it had fallen to his lot to read. The university record was excellent, and included 3rd and 9th Junior Exhibitions and the Biggs Memorial Prize at T.C.D., 3rd Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Classics, and 3rd Senior Moderatorship and Gold Medal in Legal and Political Science, and a special research prize of £50, and a Junior Moderatorship in Natural Science. Other distinctions gained at Dublin University during the year included the Berkeley Gold Medal for Greek, Vice-Chancellor's Latin Medal, Honours and Prizes of the First Class, including first of the first three times in Legal and Political Science. Seven of their boys had entered Trinity College this year, one taking first high place at entrance. W. Holmes had taken eleventh place in the India Civil Service examination. Civil Service and bank clerkships had also been gained. (Applause.)

At the Intermediate Examinations many exhibitions and prizes had also been won, including two Exhibitions (classics and science) in the Senior Grade, and a First Class Exhibition (mathematics) in the Middle Grade, and three Medals for Latin, Applied Mathematics and History and Political Geography. 96 per cent. of all their candidates had passed. (Applause.)

The School had been no less successful in the field of athletics. Cricket, rowing, swimming, boxing, football, and athletics generally all reached the highest level attained for some years. A fine racing four had been added during the year to their small fleet of racing boats.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

One of their ambitions, foreshadowed last year, had at last been realised. The War Office had sanctioned the raising at Portora of a contingent of the Officers' Training Corps. For this privilege the School was mainly indebted to the powerful influence of the Marquis of Londonderry, to whom their best thanks were due. Under the new Army Regulations, which would take effect in 1925, the value of possessing such a contingent would be greatly enhanced.

Portora was now represented on the English Headmasters' Conference. The School was identifying itself more closely and practically than before with the T.C.D. Mission.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

Continuing, the Headmaster referred to the Northern Education Act, and said that while that measure certainly was not all that they desired, or as they thought they deserved, with all its shortcomings it offered a great charter of hope, progress and security. It was to be hoped that it would grant them the maximum of liberty, compatible with efficiency. Nothing definite, so far as he knew, had been arranged as to pensions, but as the cost to the State for the first few years was sure to be trivial, the scale fixed, he trusted, would not be ungenerous.

The arch-grievance of Irish secondary schoolmasters hitherto had been that, with no possible opportunities of saving, they had been left with the prospect of destitution in old age, if they were hapless enough to survive so long. In his opinion, it was not so important that the initial salaries should be large, as that a man or woman should look forward, after a career of nervous strain and strenuous work, to retirement with a modest competence. While sympathising with the Minister of Finance in his great duty of balancing his budget, they would warn him against making the conditions in this respect such that they could not attract good men from the other side. It was his unpleasant experience of the past six years that very few capable and competent Irishmen had entered the teaching profession at all.

The Head Master then referred to the losses that the School had suffered by the deaths of the late Bishop of Clogher (the Right Rev. Dr. Day) and the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Gibson.

Mr. Seale mentioned that a change room had been built for the junior school, that an electric lighting plant had been installed, and that other improvements had been made in the building and its equipments during the year. The school was past, present, and future—past to inspire, present to improve, future to secure. It was they—the board, head master, staff, and boys—who represented the present, and it was their hope that it would one day be their pride and privilege to hand the school on to their successors greater in *prestige*, traditions and prosperity, having made it in the eyes of others what all of them there would fain acclaim it now—the foremost school in Ireland.

THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman, who was cordially received, said Portora was founded 305 years ago, and from that time until now many brilliant boys had been sent forth from it. Wherever the English language was spoken the names "Enniskillen" and "Portora" were well known. It was, therefore, not to be wondered at that parents in the South and West, as well as in the North, who knew the history of the school were anxious to send their boys to it.

They had still a waiting list and no vacancies. The care bestowed upon the boys made every member of the Governing Board proud to have under its jurisdiction a school so happily conducted. He congratulated the head master most heartily, and also his staff, for a more loyal staff could not be found in any school in the United Kingdom. Also might he congratulate Mrs. Seale, for in her the boys had "the better man of the lot." (Applause.)

Major Sir Charles Falls presented the prizes.

CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

A CRIMEAN VETERAN.

The death occurred at Hove yesterday of a Crimean veteran, James Sheppard Hooper, who attained his hundredth year on December 6th.

He was a native of Exmouth. At the fall of Sebastopol he was aboard the Princess Royal.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' SALARIES.

"PREMATURE AND GROUNDLESS" REPORTS.

Messrs. A. Rutledge, President, and J. H. Kane, Vice-President of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, write warning secondary teachers to place no credence in "premature and groundless reports as to agreement between the Ministries of Education and Finance regarding scales of salaries for teachers in secondary schools." They add that when such agreement is reached the teachers will be informed in the usual way by the Central Executive Committee of the Association.

FIRE IN NENAGH.

At about one o'clock on St. Stephen's morning, as some young men were going home in Nenagh, they saw smoke issuing from the fanlight of Mr. John McGrath's licensed premises in Barrack street. They gave the alarm and broke in the door, only to find the whole shop in flames. Mr. McGrath and his wife and assistants hurried from their beds. The Civic Guard turned out, and were later joined by the military with the Urban Council's fire engine, and they succeeded in subduing the flames, but not before much damage had been done.

Insurances at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warnar, Manager. Agents everywhere.—(Advt.)

FATALLY BURNED. — A second death has occurred as the result of the fire in Glasgow, Andrew Stewart, who jumped from a window, succumbing to burning injuries in the Royal Infirmary.

MIDNIGHT VISITORS.

POLICE COURT STORY OF A ROBBERY.

An extraordinary Christmas night burglary was committed at a Kingstown public-house. The affair was brought before Mr. Collins, K.C., at the Kingstown Police Court yesterday, when eight men were accused of breaking into the public-house, stealing whiskey, wine and cigarettes, and then breaking into a private house, and, in spite of the protest of the woman who occupied it, drinking and smoking at their leisure. The goods stolen were valued at over £15, and about £1 2s. 6d. in money was also missed.

The accused men were:—Hugh Cromie, 19 Cumberland street; Joseph O'Brien, 1 Crofton parade; John Byrne, 14 Avoca square; James Merrigan, 48 Patrick street; William Corcoran, 2 Bruce's court; Peter Dunster, 18 Albert place, York road; Peter Farrell, 7 Paradise row, Kingstown, and Private Edward O'Brien, National Army, Stuart Barracks, Curragh.

Michael Carroll, publican, 75 York road, Kingstown, gave evidence of locking up his shop at 9 p.m., and of finding, three hours later, that the place had been broken into. Three gallons of whiskey, three bottles of gin, three bottles of Port wine, some cigarettes and cash in silver and coppers, to the value of £15 8s. 8d., were missing.

Katherine Tallon, 28 Barrett street, Kingstown, stated that between 10 and 11 o'clock on Christmas night she was awakened by hearing her front door being burst in. A man shouted for a corkscrew, and when she came down she saw in her kitchen a number of men, among whom were Farrell, Byrne, Dunster, Corcoran, Edward O'Brien, the soldier, and Cromie. They had a lot of whiskey and wine in bottles on the kitchen table. She told them to leave her house or she would go for the police. They told her not to open her lips, and that she and the house would be all right. The soldier put his back to the door and said that he took charge of the house and of her, and told her to say nothing.

Detective Constable Duane gave evidence of the arrest of the prisoners and of statements made by some of them.

Inspector O'Neill gave evidence as to assisting in the arrest of Joseph O'Brien and Cromie, and said that they shouted and resisted.

Mr. Collins remanded Cromie, Merrigan and Joseph O'Brien in custody, but allowed the other men out on bail.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

CHILDREN POISONED BY GAS. — While a family were sleeping in a house in Balcurre street, Edinburgh, a leakage occurred in the gas service pipe. Three children were badly affected, and one of them, John Turnbull, the youngest, died soon after admission to hospital. Two other children were detained.

TWO NEW RECORDERS. — It is officially announced that the King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has been pleased to appoint Mr. James Willoughby Jardine to be Recorder of Halifax and Mr. John Edwin Mitchell to be Recorder of Rye, in place of the late Mr. Slade Butler.

BIG ADDITION TO THE FAMILY.—A telegram from St. John, New Brunswick, reports the birth of quadruplets. Three girls and one boy arrived as a Christmas present to a Mr. and Mrs. William Mahaney, of that city. The four babies are apparently strong and in good health. Their parents have already a family of three boys and two girls.

FORTUNE TELLING AT GLASGOW. — Ellen Ritchie, a fortune teller, was fined a guinea at Glasgow for professing to tell fortunes with intent to deceive the public. Complaints by neighbours of the volume of traffic on the stairs led to a raid, when the police found fifteen women on the premises waiting to have their fortunes told at sixpence a time.

EDINBURGH'S HOUR OF GLOOM.—Owing to the failure of the electric light, Princes street and a large central area of Edinburgh was on Wednesday plunged into darkness for an hour. Hotels, post offices, cinemas, and shops were all affected, and candles were requisitioned to carry on business at some places.

X-RAY HERO REWARDED. — The Carnegie Hero Fund Trustees have awarded the Honorary Certificate and allowance of £75 per annum to Mr. Reginald Blackall, Leigh-on-Sea, radiographer at the London Hospital from 1900 to 1920, who, as the result of X-ray work, contracted carcinoma, necessitating the amputation of both hands.

A FOOTBALLER'S DEATH. — The death occurred in Lincoln County Hospital of Ernest William Ironmonger, a promising Lincoln Footballer, who played full-back. He turned out for his club, Newark Town, against the Notts Forest Reserves, in the first round of the Notts Senior Cup, played on Newark ground on Saturday, and came into collision with an opposing forward and sustained severe internal injuries.

TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH.—During a Christmas party at the Workingmen's Club at Cwmcarn, near Newport, the premises were completely destroyed by fire. Early yesterday morning the bodies of two men were found in the ruins. They were identified as those of John Nicholson and Archibald Davies, both colliers. It transpires that they were members of the steward's Christmas party, and probably lost their lives in an effort to save the furniture.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.—An inquest was opened at St. Pancras, London, on Gustav Rudolph Williams (35), manufacturer's agent, of Stroud Green, who was killed on the railway between King's Cross and Farringdon street last Thursday, after, it was alleged, he had attacked Miss Daisy Cotter, of Crouch End, with an iron bar in a second class carriage. It was stated that it was expected that Miss Cotter would be all right in a week, and the inquiry was adjourned till January 7th.

WOMAN SETS HERSELF ON FIRE. — Nellie Froggatt, wife of a Ladywood licensee, was stated, at an inquest at Birmingham yesterday, to have set herself on fire early on Boxing Day, causing burns to which she succumbed. The husband said that her nerves had been affected for some time. She appeared sad on Christmas Day, and early next morning he found her in an attic in flames. She told a neighbour that she poured petrol on her clothes and applied a light. A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

SCOTTISH EDUCATIONAL METHODS.—At the annual Congress of the teaching profession in Scotland, the President, Mr. B. Skinner, emphasising the necessity of dispensing education in the widest sense in the interests of the child as a rational being, said that its nature and amount should depend on the mental endowment of each individual. He condemned the practice in the interests of economy of employing a cheaper and less efficient teacher, to the exclusion of those of higher qualifications now walking the streets, as nothing less than a tragedy.

MAYOR AND MAYORESS INJURED.—An unfortunate accident befell the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax (Alderman and Mrs. Thomas) on Christmas Day. As is customary, on Christmas Day the Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, was intending to make a tour of the district public institutions. They were making their way to the infirmary when their motor car came into collision with another car near the infirmary. The Mayor was cut about the face and head by falling glass, and the Mayoress suffered from shock. Later the Mayor and Mayoress were conveyed home.

TWO MEN KILLED.—At an inquest on two men, George Ellis Chicken (46), building contractor, and Henry Youles (61), who were killed by the fall of a concrete floor at a new building which is being erected at Plaistow, Charles Robert Green, a labourer, said that he thought that the weather had had an effect on the concrete, which, in his opinion, had been properly mixed. Miles Walter Hudson, a building inspector, said that the material which had fallen was in a sodden and disintegrated condition, and it was not thoroughly set. In his opinion, the construction of the floor was faulty. The Coroner returned a verdict of death by misadventure in each case.

PRISONER COLLAPSES IN THE DOCK. — At Hastings, Walter James Edward Wright (25), of St. Leonard's, was charged with the attempted murder of Elsie Maria Palmer, of Winchelsea road, Hastings. On entering the dock the accused burst into tears and collapsed and was lifted into a seat. The Chief Constable said that Miss Palmer was still in hospital. The prisoner and the girl had been keeping company for about three or four years, and at times disagreed. Last Saturday apparently there was a breach. The prisoner called at the sweet shop where the girl was employed, and at the entrance to a small room there was a flash and a report, and the girl fell. A constable who came into the shop at once closed with the man and took a revolver from him. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

RECORDS THAT SHOULD BE IN EVERY HOME

(Third List)

Kirkby Lunn	8/8
Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix (Samson et Delila)	*Saint-Saëns*
Ansseau	8/8
Ne pouvant réprimer les élans (air de Jean) (Hérodiade)	*Massenet*
Caruso	8/8
Agnus Dei	*Bizet*
Julia Culp	6/4
The Cottage Maid	*Beethoven*
John McCormack	8/8
Una furtiva lagrima (L'Elisir d'Amore)	*Donizetti*
Mabel Garrison	8/8
Les Oiseaux dans la charmille (Tales of Hoffman)	*Offenbach*
Martinelli	6/4
Ideale	*Tosti*
Journet	8/8
Pif, paf, pouf (Les Huguenots)	*Meyerbeer*
Evan Williams	8/8
Comfort ye, my people (Messiah)	*Handel*
Royal Albert Hall Orchestra (Conducted by SIR LANDON RONALD)	7/6 each
Capriccio Italien (Parts 1 & 2)	*Tchaikovsky*
Marche Hongroise	*Berlioz*
Marche Militaire	*Schubert*
Flonzaley Quartet	8/8
Nocturne	*Borodin*
The Coldstream Guards Band	5/3
Morning, Noon and Night—Overture	*Suppé*
Pique Dame—Overture	*Suppé*
Alfred Lester	5/3
Village Fire Brigade	
Scene-Shifter's Lament	
Gresham Singers	7/6
Oh Honey, Ma Honey	*Caryll*
D'ye Ken John Peel	*Folk Song*
Carmen Hill	5/3
Mifanwy	*Forster*
When the dream is there	*Guy d'Hardelot*
The Symphony Orchestra (Conducted by ALBERT COATES)	8/8
The Children's Corner, No. 6—The Golliwog's Cake Walk	*Debussy*
Kikimora, Op. 63	*Liadov*
Charles Tree	5/3
Fat lil' feller wid his Mammy's Eyes	*Gordon*
Kitty! (what a pity)	*Fletcher*
Grand Opera Company	7/6
Vocal Gems—Cavalleria Rusticana	*Mascagni*
" " —Carmen	*Bizet*
De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra	5/3
Caresse d'Avril	*De Groot*
Le plus joli Rêve	*Azzeso*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ARCHÆOLOGY AND THE BIBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The reading of the most interesting account of Professor Macalister's discoveries in Palestine, and your leading article in to-day's paper, called to mind words written by the late Dr. Emil Reich some years ago in his book on "The Failure of the Higher Criticism," in which he said: "The 'Higher Critics' pride themselves on being honest people, who, at the risk of being persecuted, poor souls! will call a spade a spade. Now, this is precisely the instrument that will exterminate them. They call, they say, a spade a spade. Have they not yet learned to dread what the spade will call them?"

At a meeting of some nine or ten thousand people held in the Albert Hall, London, a few weeks ago, to affirm belief in the full inspiration of the Bible as the Word of God and in the great evangelical doctrines, a letter was read from Professor A. H. Sayce, of Oxford, the famous Assyriologist, in which he said: "The sceptical attitude towards the records of the Old and New Testaments is to-day usually the mark of ignorance or semi-knowledge. The leading scientists have returned in great measure to what may be termed the traditional views on the subject, and nowhere is this more strikingly the case than as regards the historical records of Scripture. Archæology, based on scientific excavation, has demolished the assumptions and conclusions of subjective criticism, and it is not going too far to say that the remarkable discoveries of the last thirty years have, with hardly an exception, been dead against the most confident decisions of the merely literary critic and in favour of the trustworthiness of our records. The early use of writing for literary purposes in the Near East, the high state of culture and sea communication in the Abrahamic and Mosaic ages, and the accuracy of details in the Babylonian narratives have all alike been demonstrated, and the so-called critical rout in the field of Old Testament history is as complete as it has been in the field of early Greek history. Each fresh discovery confirms this. The latest has just been made by the American excavators at Bethshan, who have discovered a slab of Rameses II., in which he refers to the city of Rameses and tells us that it had been built for him by Asiatics."

Yet these sceptical views towards the records of the Old and New Testaments, which Professor Sayce declares to be the mark of ignorance or semi-knowledge, are still propounded in many theological colleges, and that with an air of superiority and scorn which is calculated to wither all but the invincibly ignorant of those holding traditional views—"for, of course, we must be scientific!"

—Yours, etc.,
A. MORROW.

Molyneux Church, Dublin,
December 27th, 1923.

WINTER THUNDERSTORMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In conjunction with the Meteorological Office I propose to make a "census" of winter thunderstorms in the first three months of 1924. In 1923 there were thunderstorms somewhere in the British Islands on fifty-two days out of the first ninety days of the year. This is probably an abnormal number. The investigation can only be carried out with the help of the public, and I should be much obliged if any of your readers would report to me, by postcard or otherwise, any thunder or lightning they may observe between January 1st and March 31st. The date and time are important, and, in the case of lightning at night, the direction in which it is seen.

Any other information is useful, such as whether the storm is severe, whether it passes overhead, whether there is rain, hail or snow, much wind, a change of wind, or a drop of temperature during the storm. Observations are welcome from all parts of the British Islands, and are particularly needed from Ireland and the Highlands and Western seaboard of Scotland. Observations may be sent in as storms occur or, if preferred, at the end of the period. A record that no storm was noted at any place during the three months is as valuable as the record of a storm.—Yours, etc.,

C. J. P. CAVE.

Stoner Hill, Petersfield,
December 26th, 1923.

A HIGHLAND APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It has been resolved to open a fund under the auspices of *An Comunn* to aid in the relief of the highlands and islands. The necessity for such relief is only too sadly apparent to all. The need is not only immediate, but will continue for some months, and a large sum will be required to meet it. Members of *An Comunn*, its branches and affiliated societies are asked to give the most sympathetic consideration to this appeal.

Contributions from them, and from the public generally, will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, Mr. Robert Macfarlane, C.A., at this address.—Yours, etc.,

ANGUS ROBERTSON, President.
NEIL SHAW, Secretary,
An Comunn Gaidhealach
(The Highland Association).

114 West Campbell street, Glasgow,
December 26th, 1923.

ROYAL AIR FORCE EXPANSION.

ADDITIONAL PILOTS TO BE ENROLLED.

The Air Ministry announces:—The expansion of the Reserve of Air Force officers by the admission of ex-officers of the Flying Services, and others with special qualifications for flying and technical duties, which was decided upon in February last, has proved an unqualified success, and the number of pilots asked for the Reserve during the present year were obtained without serious difficulty. Four civil schools have been established for training Reserve pilots—near London by the De Havilland Aircraft Co., at Bristol by the Bristol Aeroplane Co., at Coventry by the Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft, Ltd., and near Glasgow by Sir William Beardmore and Co. Approximately, 250,000 miles have been flown by Reserve pilots at these schools since their formation.

It has now been decided that a further expansion of the Reserve should take place immediately, in order to increase the strength of the Reserve, and the Royal Air Force is, therefore, prepared to enrol, approximately, 200 additional pilots for the Reserve from those who served as pilots in the Flying Services during the war, or who hold civil licences for flying commercial aircraft.

As a large proportion of the pilots who have already entered the Reserve reside south of the Trent, where three of the present training schools are situated, it has also been decided to establish within a short time two new training schools in the North of England, so that better facilities can be provided to expilots residing in the North than exist at present, and it is, therefore, hoped that the present announcement will result in an adequate response to join the Reserve from ex-pilots residing north of the Trent and in Scotland, where the numbers desired have not yet been obtained. It is proposed to open one of the new schools at a convenient centre in the North-West of England, and the other at Brough, in Yorkshire, where the first seaplane training will be undertaken. Landplane training will also be given at this school. Candidates for the Reserve, who should not be, as a general rule, more than 31 years of age, and who must enrol for a minimum period of three years' service, will be interviewed by a Selection Committee and examined by a Medical Board either in London or at certain centres in the North, which will be notified in due course.

FISHING TRAGEDY.

ONLY TWO SURVIVE OUT OF CREW OF SEVEN.

PARIS, Thursday.

A tragic end has befallen the crew of a Brittany fishing vessel, the Pierre Marianne, which left Douarnenez to fish on the Moroccan coast. In the Bay of Biscay the vessel ran into a fierce storm. It sprang a leak, and went down with the skipper on board.

The seven members of the crew were able to put off in the vessel's boat. The survivors battled for days against storms, cold and hunger. Two became mad and jumped into the sea, and three died of exposure. Finally, the remaining two, suffering seriously from frost bite, were picked up by another fishing boat and taken into La Rochelle.—(Reuter.)

PARLOURMAID'S FURY.

ATTACKED MISTRESS WITH A HAMMER.

Arising out of an attack made early on Wednesday morning on Mrs. George Varty Rogers, a wealthy widow, aged 70 years, at her house in South Kensington, Dorothy Foster, aged 24, a parlourmaid in the injured lady's service, was remanded at the West London Police Court yesterday, charged with the attempted murder of her mistress.

The prisoner cried while in the dock.

A detective stated that when he spoke to Foster the latter said, "I did it because she said I was a fast woman. I got a hammer from downstairs. I then telephoned for the police." Subsequently the accused made a written statement.

Mrs. Rogers, added the witness, was seriously injured. She was struck on the head six times.

The magistrate suggested that the accused should be medically examined.

BOY MCCORMICK'S APPEAL. — Boy McCormick, the pugilist, and three others, who were convicted at the Manchester Sessions last week in connection with the Manchester office assault case, are giving notice of appeal against the sentences imposed on them.

FIRE BRIGADE RACES.

DUBLIN MEN'S SUCCESS.

The annual competitions of the Dublin Fire Brigade Athletic Association were held on Wednesday in the Phœnix Park. The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance of spectators.

The results were:—

Tug of war—Dublin Fire Brigade.

Hose reel race—Dublin Fire Brigade.

Ladder race—Dublin Fire Brigade.

Obstacle race—Dublin Fire Brigade.

Hose coupling race—Dublin Fire Brigade.

Hose laying race—Dublin Fire Brigade.

Hose reel race—Dublin Fire Brigade.

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THE MINERS' BALLOT.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation met in London yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the coalfields' ballot, which a Delegate Conference of the Federation decided should be taken on the question of whether notice be given to terminate the present national agreement.

At the close of the meeting the Secretary, Mr. Frank Hodges, M.P., stated that it had been decided that the ballot should take place on January 10th, and that the returns of the vote should be at the head office in London not later than January 14th. The Executive will meet during that week to consider the returns, and an application will be made to the Mining Association for a meeting, at which the result of the ballot will be considered.

Mr. Hodges added—"The form of the ballot paper will be simple, and members will be asked to state whether or not they are in favour of terminating the present National Wages Agreement by giving the necessary three months' notice. The recommendation of the Executive and the Special Delegate Conference will be indicated on the ballot paper—namely, that the men be advised to vote in favour of giving notice to terminate the agreement."

Mr. Hodges further stated that "half members" of the Federation, boys and youths, will be excluded from voting. The age varies in different districts, some being full members at sixteen and others only at eighteen. Mr. Hodges estimated that out of a total membership of 780,000 miners not more than 75,000 youths will be debarred from voting.

It is learned that as this ballot is regarded only as a referendum, an actual majority will be sufficient to justify the Executive in giving the formal three months' notice to end the agreement, but if the majority is very small, the Committee will necessarily consider the situation. If the ballot clearly authorises the course recommended to the men, the three months' notice to terminate the agreement will be tendered, but the intention is to conduct negotiations with the owners while the notice is running, and it is hoped that during the three months modifications to meet the miners' claims or a fresh agreement will be arranged.

Mr. Hodges made it clear last night that notice to terminate the agreement would not be a notice to end "contracted relationships." He said that notice to terminate contracts, which meant a withdrawal of labour, could only be given after it had been authorised by a further ballot vote, which would have to be taken after this one if the Federation considered it necessary, and, under the rules relating to stoppages, there could only be notice to terminate contracts and withdraw labour if, of those actually voting, there was a two-thirds majority in favour of ending contracts.

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"The men will have an entirely free choice. There is no recommendation from the Executive, and the decision is being left to the members. The responsibility of acceptance or rejection will be taken by them, and the Executive will act as the majority desires."

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New scales of advertisements have been adopted in certain cases, and the particular attention of Solicitors and others is drawn to the alteration in the rates for the insertion of Bankruptcy Notices, and Notices of Charitable Bequests, which will in future be charged for 100 words and under, 15/-, and 7/6 extra for each additional 50 words or part of 50 words.

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BERLIN, Thursday.

It is expected that Herr von Hoesch, the German *Chargé d'Affaires* in Paris, will be appointed Ambassador in the French capital almost at once.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Two plans for holding motor races in Ireland next year are under discussion.—(Page 5.)

The Right Rev. George Alexander Chadwick, D.D., former Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, died yesterday at his residence, Brookvale House, Donnybrook, County Dublin.—(Page 4.)

A military policeman has been arrested in connection with the shooting of Lieutenant Michael J. Keane at Ballymahon, County Longford, on Christmas morning.—(Page 7.)

At the Kingstown Police Court yesterday eight men were remanded, some of them on bail, charged with breaking into a public-house in the town on Christmas night and stealing whiskey and wines to the value of £15, and afterwards breaking into a dwellinghouse and drinking some of the whiskey there.—(Page 3.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Yesterday thirty-nine fresh cases of foot-and-mouth disease were reported in England. The Irish Department of Agriculture has made an order prohibiting the landing in the Free State of hay and straw in any form coming from any port or place in Great Britain.—(Page 3.)

Arrangements are being made in London to broadcast "Big Ben" on New Year's Eve.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

An attempt was made yesterday to assassinate the Japanese Prince Regent.—(Page 5.)

M. Venizelos was received at the French Foreign Office yesterday before his departure for Athens.—(Page 5.)

The ex-Zeppelin Dixmude has been sighted over the Sahara.—(Page 5.)

The Vatican's view of the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter on the re-union of the Churches is given by our Rome Correspondent.—(Page 5.)

Avalanches are reported in the Alps. A number of lives have been lost.—(Page 5.)

Sixteen patients and one nurse have lost their lives in a fire at a Chicago lunatic asylum.—(Page 5.)

The Japanese Cabinet has resigned.—(Page 5.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets opened in a cheerful mood, but became uncertain as the day wore on. Four per cent. War Loan rose a further ½ to 101½.—(Page 9.)

In Lombard street end-of-the-year borrowing from the Bank of England was on a very active scale at 4½ per cent. Night money was easy at 1½-2 per cent.—(Page 9.)

The feature of Dublin Stock Market was a rise of a point in Guinness Shares to 38⅝.—(Page 9.)

SPORTING.

At Leopardstown yesterday the Foxrock Handicap Steeplechase was won by Mr. E. Kieran's Rathory.—(Page 8.)

At Kempton Park Phaco won the Shepperton Steeplechase Handicap.—(Page 8.)

Reunion.

The movement for the reunion of the Churches has made steady progress since the Lambeth Conference of 1920. The Church of England and the Free Churches have discovered agreement on many points. Two English bishops have joined in the consecration of bishops of the Church of Sweden. The chief Patriarchs of the Eastern Orthodox Church have acknowledged the validity of Anglican Orders. We do not think, however, that any of these advances had prepared the English people for the announcement which the Archbishop of Canterbury made yesterday in his letter to the Metropolitans of the Anglican Communion. During the last two years conferences—three in number—have been held at Malines, under the auspices of Cardinal Mercier, between representatives of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. The conferences, while "unofficial," have been held with the knowledge of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope. They discussed "not only the great doctrinal and historical questions sundering the two Churches," but also "certain large administrative problems" which might arise in the event of a measure of agreement on these questions. The Archbishop explains that the discussions are "still in a quite elementary stage," and that nothing in the nature of "negotiations" has been attempted. There is no suggestion that the Holy See has shown the slightest readiness to abate an iota of its claim to spiritual supremacy. On the other hand, the Archbishop of Canterbury declares that the Church of England has "no thought of changing or weakening" the historical Anglican position.

In these circumstances there seems to be little prospect that the conferences will have any definite result. Candid discussion may help both sides to get a clearer notion of their radical differences, but this advantage will be bought dearly if the new movement causes fresh divisions or widens existing schisms in the Anglican fold. Already a large body of English opinion is on the alert—partly, no doubt, because some of the Church's unofficial representatives at Malines have been, and are, storm-centres of doctrinal conflict. Technically, the Church of Ireland and the other Protestant Churches in this country have no sort of association with the new movement, but they cannot fail to be affected by its reactions. We hope earnestly—and all good Roman Catholics who are also good Irishmen will agree with us—that, whatever may happen across the water, we shall see no revival, or aggravation, of religious differences in Ireland. Since the Free State came into being there has been swift and even wonderful improvement in the relations between Irishmen of all classes and creeds. The bogey of religious intolerance has been knocked finally on the head. We have discovered that differences and suspicions, supposed to be religious, were in fact political, and, now that these political differences have vanished in a common citizenship, we are at peace with one another. To-day, the Free State can have, if it chooses, a genuine reunion of all its Churches, outside the sphere of doctrine. Such reunion would express itself in a rivalry of good works that would exalt the national morals and would change the whole complexion of the country's social life.

During the last thirty years social reform has been stagnant in this country. Dublin has the worst slums in Europe. The goads of sheer filth and misery have been responsible for much of our industrial unrest and for the appalling dimensions of the drink evil. In the things of education and the mind we have been lamentably backward. A main cause of these conditions has been the lack of co-operation among the Churches. Through this lack Ireland has lost an instrument of blessing as potent as Ithuriel's spear. Even in the midst of our worst political troubles a united lead by the Churches against sin and dirt and ignorance and public dishonesty would have started a moral campaign of the most fruitful kind. To-day, in our happier circumstances and with our saner outlook, such a campaign would be irresistible. The two most effective advocates of housing reform whom we have known in Dublin have been two parochial clergymen—a Protestant and a Roman Catholic. A real housing movement led by all the Churches would multiply the Government's powers for good in this direction and would abolish the slums in ten years. A real moral league between rector and parish priest in every town and village of the Free State would do more to sweeten the nation's life than a hundred decrees of Parliament. The time is ripe for such a union of moral and social forces, and the only condition is that we shall agree, every one of us, Protestant and Roman Catholic, to act religion and not to quarrel about it. For this reunion we need not travel to Malines or Lambeth: it is at our doors.

The Miners' Ballot.

A very interesting, and possibly dangerous, situation has arisen in connection with the mining industry in Great Britain. For many months past the miners have been dissatisfied with the national wages agreement which was concluded with the Government and the Mining Association after the last big coal strike. The Executive of the Miners' Federation met recently to consider the situation, and shortly afterwards a meeting of delegates was called. Both bodies decided that a ballot should be held, and at a meeting of the Executive in London yesterday the date of the ballot was fixed finally for January 10th. Mr. Frank Hodges, M.P., explained the problem after the meeting. The miners will be asked to decide whether or not notice shall be given to terminate the national wages agreement, and, if a bare majority is secured in favour of this step, three months' notice will be given immediately. Mr. Hodges added that a vote against the agreement would not necessarily mean another coal strike. He said that negotiations would be opened at once with the coal-owners, and, even if they failed to bring about a new agreement, a further ballot would become necessary before work could be stopped. The result of the ballot will be known on January 14th, by which time, in all probability, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald will be making strenuous efforts to form Britain's first Labour Government. If the miners vote against the national agreement, Mr. Macdonald will find himself faced with a very nasty problem. He is extremely anxious to secure the support of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, and for that reason probably will do his best to make a good impression at the start. While they were in opposition it was easy enough for the Labour leaders to advise the miners to terminate their contract, but when they are Ministers of the Crown their position is likely to become rather awkward. They know perfectly well that the coal industry at present cannot afford to increase the miners' wages, but they have committed themselves so deeply to the miners' case that they will not be able to evade fulfilment of their thoughtless pledges. If they agree to increase the present *minimum* wage, they will saddle their own Chancellor of the Exchequer with an impossible burden, and, furthermore, will run the risk of encouraging every other trade in the country to press for an immediate improvement in its financial position. We fear that Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and his friends will discover before they are very much older that office has its responsibilities as well as its sweets. The experience, however, will be good for them, and at the next general election, which probably is not very far distant, we may find them wiser, sadder and more moderate men.

A French Verdict.

The acquittal of Germaine Berton, the French girl anarchist who killed M. Marius Plateau, of the *Action Française*, has been received with astonishment throughout the world. Apparently she shot M. Marius in mistake for M. Leon Daudet, editor of the paper, and one of the leaders of the *Camelots du Roi* movement in France; but she admitted her crime throughout the trial, and there was not the slightest doubt of her guilt. The verdict was made even worse by the fact that the court ordered the prisoner to pay one franc as compensation to the family of the murdered man. When the famous Socialist leader, M. Jaurès, was shot dead in 1914 his assassin was acquitted on the ground that he was virtually a lunatic, and some people in France are of the opinion that the murder of M. Plateau was a sort of "reprisal." Be that as it may, the acquittal of political murderers is a very dangerous thing. Just at present political feeling in France is running very high. The passions of the nation have been aroused by the Ruhr question, and there is no lack of young fanatics who willingly would run the risk of their lives in order to strike what they would consider to be a blow for the French point of view. If they believe that they can remove "objectionable" persons from their path with impunity, we may be sure that they will not hesitate to follow the example of Germaine Berton at the slightest provocation; and therefore we think that her acquittal was deplorable. We have as little sympathy with the *Camelots du Roi* as we have with the anarchist party, since both appear to advocate assassination as a political weapon. The Berton decision, however, will injure French *prestige* very seriously mong the other civilised nations, and the enemies of France will make every possible use of it to alienate from her the sympathy of the world.

Musical Cures.

"Is there any thing whereof it may be said: See, this is new?" may well be asked of science; for its newest discoveries often prove to be old things under new names. In investigating and applying the curative powers of music the psycho-analysts are but practising, in modern mode, an art that was old when Saul's servants counselled him to send for David, "a cunning player upon an harp," that his music should heal the king's sickness. In America it is reported that musical healing has been so far perfected that a woman held for over a hundred days in the sleeping sickness was cured, when all other remedies had failed, by the playing of a Schubert sonata. Music is said to feed the sub-conscious being with pure and wholesome emotion, so that the whole nature is stimulated and refreshed. Yet we suspect that it will be a long time before harmony becomes part of a physician's training, and neither science nor history is needed to convince us that music influences mind and character. Who does not know how the jaded being may be inspirited by the sweetness of the violin or calmed by the solemn strains of the organ? If music is the most soothing of the arts, it is because its influence pours in directly through the senses; but its power is not sensuous only. Music has a magic command of associations. Without its interwoven secular and sacred music Christmas would not be itself. From the old Irish Christmas "Come all ye" to the exuberant carol "Brightest and best," that Heber made for the Epiphany when walking among his rectory trees, there is the same calling up of associations of good-will. Not because our carols and Christmas ballads have any mysterious effect on our subconscious selves, but because they fill the social mind with kindly thoughts and sacred memories, Christmas music exercises a benign influence on the world.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King and Queen spent a quiet Christmas at York Cottage, where their four sons and their daughter-in-law, the Duchess of York, are spending this week with them, and have been visiting Queen Alexandra at Sandringham and the King and Queen of Norway at Appleton House. Their Majesties and all the members of the Royal Family now in Norfolk attended Service in Sandringham Church on Christmas Day.

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Over one hundred guests, including many Spanish notabilities, were entertained at the Royal Palace in Madrid on Christmas Eve in honour of the *fête* of the Queen of Spain. The Queen received numerous telegrams of congratulation and good wishes, many of which were sent by her relations and friends in England.

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The Duke of Portland is sixty-six to-day. He is the eldest son of the late Lieutenant-General Arthur Cavendish Bentinck (a grandson of the third Duke) and cousin of the fifth Duke, whom he succeeded in 1879. He was for some time in the Coldstream Guards and is President of the Territorial Force Association for Nottinghamshire, of which county he is Lord Lieutenant. He married in 1889 Miss Winifred Dallas-Yorke, who was subsequently appointed Mistress of the Robes to Queen Alexandra. Their family consists of two sons and one daughter. The elder son, the Marquis of Titchfield, is a captain in the Royal Horse Guards Reserve and served in the European War. His marriage with the Hon. Ivy Gordon-Lennox, grand-daughter of the Duke of Richmond, took place in 1915.

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Viscount Allendale, who was travelling in Africa when he succeeded to the title on the death of his father a couple of weeks ago, has returned to England with Viscountess Allendale, and they have gone to Bretton Park, the family seat near Wakefield, where the Dowager Viscountess Allendale is staying at present.

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To-morrow the Earl of Longford will attain his majority. He will sit in the House of Lords as Baron Silchester, a title on the roll of the United Kingdom. It was conferred in 1821 on the third Baron Longford, who in 1794 succeeded to the Earldom conferred, in 1785, on his grandmother, the widow of the first Baron. Lord Longford succeeded to the title in 1915 on the death of his father, the fifth Earl of Longford, K.P., who was killed in action at Gallipoli. The heir presumptive is his only brother, the Hon. Francis Pakenham, who was born in 1905.

Many Irish visitors spent Christmas at St. Moritz. Among them were the Hon. Somerset Butler, Colonel and Mrs. Moore-Brabazon, Mrs. Blacker-Douglas and party, Colonel and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Cyril Maude, Mrs. R. Martin and Mr. Denis Martin. The Hon. Lady Wood has arrived at Gstaad. Sir Alfred Tobin, K.C., has gone to Grindelwald. Sir Claud Schuster has arrived at Murren and Judge Hill Kelly at Moutreux.

Charming Collection of Fur Coats, Fur-trimmed Coats and Stoles, suitable for New Year's Gifts, at Switzers.

Holmes' for New Year Gifts.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's street.

Winter Sale begins Monday, 31st December, 1923.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., Ladies' Tailors, 11 Wicklow street.

Madame Renée, of Harry street, Dublin, will show French Models in Afternoon and Evening Gowns at The FitzGibbon Hall, Castlerea, on Monday and Tuesday next.

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—Hot luncheons, best quality, home made cakes and scones. When visiting pantomime call in for lunch or tea—willing service.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Rev. R. Creed Meredith, J. Andrews, A. Lee Williams, Lt.-Col. R. Airth-Richardson, J. J. King, R. Caleb Trofanell, Miss Constance Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Miss A. F. Fagan.

Departures:—J. Weir Johnston, K.C.; Mrs. and Miss Barbara Weir Johnston, Dudley White, K.C.; Henry L. Cowan, C. D. Coyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fox, Miss B. Rumney, Miss Gaster, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Miss Doreen Bradley, Captain and Mrs. G. H. Paton, Mrs. G. M. Phipps, G. Frame, the Misses H. and R. Frame, Miss S. G. Hamilton, Miss E. Pike, H. Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rea, Mrs. Lunn, Desmond C. Swayne, Captain R. Vickers Dixon, T. Wilson.

McBirney and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale will commence on Monday next.

A Great Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-class Clothing and Outfitting now on. Genuine Bargains at "Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

The Mansfield Sisters—Annual Winter Sale now on. Great Bargains in Millinery, Afternoon and Dance Frocks. Furs Reduced also.—28 Wicklow street.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

Mourning Orders executed on the shortest notice. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat," 2 and 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Partners Again," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 2.30, 6.45, and 9.
Olympia Theatre—"Aladdin," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"First Aid" and "The Whiteheaded Boy," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—The Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9.
Metropole Cinema—"Mamma's Affair."
La Scala Theatre—"The Wandering Jew," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"Grandma's Boy."
Corinthian Picture House—"When Romance Rides."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Just Tony," 4.10, 6.35 and 9.5.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S NEW TITLE.

It is officially announced that Lord Robert Cecil will assume the title of Viscount Cecil of Chelwood.

OBITUARY.

RIGHT REV. GEORGE ALEXANDER CHADWICK.

We regret to announce that the Right Rev. George Alexander Chadwick, D.D., formerly Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, died yesterday at his residence, Brookvale House, Donnybrook, County Dublin.

Dr. Chadwick was born on the 10th of October, 1840, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1862, and proceeded to the degrees of M.A. in 1867, B.D. 1876, and D.D. 1877. He was ordained Deacon, in Killaloe, in 1863, and Priest, in Dublin, two years later. He was assistant chaplain of Baggotrath from 1863 till 1867, and held, among other appointments, the curacy of St. Anne's Church (now the Cathedral) and the incumbency of St. James's Church, Belfast. From 1875 to 1886 he was Prebendary of Tynan in Armagh Cathedral, and afterwards he became Treasurer, and finally Dean of Armagh. Dr. Chadwick was chaplain to Primates Beresford and Gregg and to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. A preacher with a gift of eloquence and a keen debater, he made his mark alike in the Church pulpit and in the Synod Hall. He was Donnellan Lecturer in Dublin University, 1879, and Select Preacher before the University of Oxford 1888 to 1889. In March, 1896, when the late Dr. Alexander (Bishop of Derry) was elected Primate, Dr. Chadwick became Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. He resigned the bishopric in 1916, and had resided since at Donnybrook.

Dr. Chadwick was author of various works, among them being:—"Christ bearing witness to Himself" (1879), "As He that Serveth" (1880), "My Emotional Life" (1882), "St. Mark's Gospel," in the "Expositors' Bible" (1887), "Exodus" (1890), "Pilate's Gift and Other Sermons" (1898), "Aids to Belief" (1899), "Poems, chiefly sacred" (1900), and "The Intellect and the Heart" (1905).

Dr. Chadwick married, first, in 1864, Emma, daughter of Mr. J. F. Browning, of Ealing, and, secondly, in 1911, Helen, sister of Canon E. T. Crozier.

MR. J. E. DEVLIN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Edmond Devlin, which has occurred, at the age of 70 years, at his residence, Ulverton road, Dalkey.

Mr. Devlin, who belonged to a North of Ireland family, was one of the secretaries of the Local Government Board for Ireland, a position to which, owing to his marked ability and business acumen, he was appointed comparatively early in his career in the Civil Service. His attainments were so highly esteemed by the Government of the day that when he reached the usual retiring age his services were retained for some four years. Notwithstanding his retirement from the Civil Service, he actually died in harness, as he immediately took up organisation work in connection with the Midwives' Central Board, and was fully occupied with it until his death. He leaves a widow and one son.

TUT-ANKH-AMEN'S TOMB.

THE OUTER SHRINE.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS,
December 26.

Since the last dispatch was sent off (December 23) work has been concentrated on the removal of the roof sections of the outer shrine. It had been hoped that it would be possible to take these sections straight from the tomb, but this has been found impossible under present conditions, as there is not enough room to permit of their passing through the doorway and up the steps.

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These latter have been now carefully examined, to ascertain how the entrance was contrived in ancient times. It appears that the lower steps of the stairway must have been originally removed for the admission of these sections, and subsequently built up again.

It is also now apparent that the lintel, as originally cut in the rock, must have been larger than it now is. It should be remembered that there is a wooden beam over the door jambs. Since the lintel of this doorway and the ceiling of the passage are cut in the bedrock, a beam of this nature could not have been necessary to consolidate the doorway.

While some curiosity was aroused by its presence, the question was not followed up, as at the time it did not appear material to the work then to be done. The object of this wooden lintel, however, is now apparent.

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As in the case of the steps, a part of the natural rock upon a portion of the doorway must have been also cut away to allow the ingress of the sections, and the gap must subsequently have been made good by a filling which this wooden lintel was to hold in place. As the gap was plastered over, the false portion above the beam, like the false part of the stairway, was not noticed until the difficulty in regard to passing the roof sections out rendered a close examination of the entrance necessary.

The cutting-away of the steps at present would make ingress and egress difficult, and thus interfere with the remainder of the work. The roof sections will, therefore, have to remain inside the tomb until a more convenient moment—that is, until the end of the season's work.

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At present the first section of the roof, showing on the inside four gilt figures of protective vultures, with, above them, gilt sun's rays, is in the ante-chamber, leaning against the wall, and preparations have been made, and scaffolding erected to deal with the other two sections. As these are farther back in the sepulchral hall than the front section their removal will involve greater difficulty. Mr. Carter has called in Mr. A. M. Lithgoe, the Curator of the Egyptian Department of the Metropolitan Museum, New York, for consultation in regard to the dismantling of the shrines.

Among recent visitors to the tomb have been Sir George Lloyd, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard and Lady Haking, Mlle. Sorel, and Baron and Baroness de Mayer.

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This morning the second roof section of the great shrine was lifted off into the ante-chamber. The process was the same as that employed for moving the first section, described in the message of the 23rd. The second section, which likewise reclines now against the wall, has, on the inside, similar figures, in gilt, of protective vultures—in this case five. There is yet a third section to be dealt with, and this will be handled to-morrow.

Sir Herbert and Lady Samuel visited the tomb to-day.—(*Times World Copyright.*)

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—The depression to the West of Ireland is likely to move south-eastward and cause rainy weather for a time in the South, with strong south-westerly winds, veering to north-west later. In the North the winds will be mainly easterly, with rain or sleet, and perhaps snow.

N.E. Ireland.—Wind mainly between south-east and east, moderate or fresh; much cloud; rain or sleet at times, perhaps snow; visibility poor to moderate; rather cold.

N.W., S.E., and S.W. Ireland.—Wind North-westerly, strong at times, a gale locally at times; occasional rain, bright periods; visibility mainly good; temperature falling.

South-West Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland.—Wind westerly to north-westerly, strong to a gale at times; occasional rain, bright intervals; visibility moderate to good; sea rough.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel; North-West Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind mainly easterly, moderate to strong; dull; some rain or sleet; visibility moderate; sea moderate or rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Thursday (5 p.m.) 29.80

SUN.				
To-day....	Rises 8.40	Sets	4.12
To-morrow..	8.41	"	4.13
Lighting-up Time			5.12

HIGH WATER.

DUBLIN.				
To-day....	Morning 2.27	Evening	2.37
To-morrow..	" 3.11	"	3.25
BELFAST.				
To-day....	Morning 1.34	Evening	1.57
To-morrow..	" 2.24	"	2.45
QUEENSTOWN.				
To-day....	Morning 8.26	Evening	8.49
To-morrow..	" 9.8	"	9.33

LONDON LETTER.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

Several attempts are made to-day to outline the King's Speech for the State opening of Parliament, but it is certain that there is a considerable element of speculation in these efforts. It is known that the Cabinet has had a general discussion on the terms of the Speech, but the actual draft will not be submitted to the Cabinet until next week's meeting. It is, however, quite likely that the Speech will contain references to the unemployment question, housing, a new scheme of insurance, overseas trade and Imperial preference; for all these points have been before the country already in a more or less definite form. The insurance scheme is intended to complete and co-ordinate the various schemes now in use, while Imperial preference is a commitment of the Government to the Imperial Conference which cannot be overlooked. Probably, upon this point more than any other the Prime Minister will ask for the support of the House, or issue a challenge to the Opposition. It is understood that the Colonial Premiers are of the opinion that their proposals are calculated to assist in the solving of the unemployment question in this country, and that the result of the general election does not invalidate their claims.

Mr. Baldwin's Conversion.

I hope, by the way, that Mr. Baldwin will seize an early opportunity of explaining in somewhat more detail than he has hitherto done the mental process by which he was converted to the belief that only by the immediate adoption of a certain measure of Protection could unemployment in this country be prevented from extending. The impression conveyed, I think, to most people by the remarkable series of speeches that he delivered before the election was that his was a personal conversion due to his own study and observation and was not imposed upon him by any outside influence.

Rumours.

From the start, however, there have been the usual rumours—just as there were when the late Mr. Gladstone became a Home Ruler after the general election of 1885—that the Prime Minister had been "got at" by certain industrial and political magnates and induced to take up a policy not of his own initiation. In *The Times* to-day I am surprised to find so steady-going and unsensational a politician as Sir Martin Conway assuming as a matter of common knowledge the truth of these stories.

Sir Martin Conway's Views.

Sir Martin goes back to the Carlton Club episode last year, and asserts that "the Die-hard group," having first captured the party machine, proceeded to rush the party meeting, and by destroying the Coalition Ministry there and then "committed the Conservative Party to the policy which has led to the present situation." Well, it may be so, but the evidence for this view does not seem very strong. In the first place, Mr. Bonar Law, without whose aid the Die-hards could never have achieved their object, began his career by giving his famous "no fiscal legislation" pledge, thus, on Sir Martin Conway's theory, dashing the dearest hopes of those who had placed him in power.

An Improbable Theory.

Next, Mr. Baldwin, who came into office as Mr. Bonar Law's lieutenant, and succeeded him as Premier, must be assumed to have deliberately concealed his views as to the urgency of adopting Protection, and allowed Parliament and the country to believe for nearly six months that he adhered to Mr. Law's pledge. This does not seem to me to square with what we know of his character. It would suggest either that he has allowed himself to be swayed by the younger, and politically less distinguished, men about him, or else that he shared their views all the time, but for tactical reasons kept the public in the dark. Personally, I find it difficult to accept either of these alternatives, but I should like to know the truth of the situation from his own lips.

The Liberal Party.

Opinion is steadily hardening in moderate Liberal circles that it may not be wise to join with the Labour Party in ousting the Government during the debate on the Address, and such is the feeling that it is quite likely that representations will be made to the Liberal leaders on this point. In fact, the Liberal Party may soon be in the throes of another split; for there are indications that some of the Liberals do not consider that it would be the best thing either for the country or the Liberal Party to defeat the Government as soon as possible, and to help a Labour Party into power. Should such a split be brought about, it would be a deep one, and it might end in the complete disruption of the party. The moderates would go to the Conservatives and the extremists to the Labour Party.

Labour Speeches.

The correction made by the Labour Party headquarters concerning the speech made by Mr. Ramsay Macdonald on Saturday last at Elgin brings a suggestion to-day that is worthy of attention. It is pointed out that the public utterances of the Labour leaders now have an importance equal to those of the leaders of other parties, and even greater than those of some of the Liberal leaders. The Labour Party is the real Opposition in the House of Commons, and it will no longer be wise to ignore the speeches of the principals; for, no matter what they may say or how extraordinary or extreme their utterances may be, the public has a right to know what they are saying and doing. It is only publicity that will bring about any sense of restraint in those whose remarks have hitherto received notice only in their party organs.

Rome and England.

The news that conversations have been taking place between members of the Church of England and some members of the Roman Catholic Church in Belgium came rather as a surprise this morning, but comparatively few people believe that anything is likely to arise out of them. It is to be noted that the statement of the Archbishop of Canterbury is most carefully non-committal, and that he lays particular stress on the point that his is merely a personal view. The Anglo-Catholic party is rather prominent in the discussions, but that the conversations have taken place with the approval of the Archbishop shows that there is nothing of an extreme character about them. Yet it has to be remembered that the Roman Church explicitly denies that the English Church possesses valid orders, and that to rescind this denial would be an extraordinary step for the Roman Curia to take. I was speaking to a prominent Anglo-Catholic cleric this morning, and he attached very little importance to the news.

Postal Delays.

The G.P.O. must have taken too much work on its shoulders this Christmas or tried to be too economical. The delivery of letters on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was delayed into the early afternoon, while this morning many people were receiving letters and cards posted on Sunday and Monday, and these were not delivered until nearly ten o'clock. The posts must have been very heavy, indeed, this year; but, inasmuch as the period is spread over several days, it does seem rather ridiculous that a letter posted on Sunday should not be delivered until the following Thursday.

The mineral production in British Columbia this year amounted to the total value of 39,541,060 dollars, says Reuter.

CHURCH REUNION.

VIEWS OF VATICAN PRELATE.

MALINES CONFERENCES NOT OFFICIAL.

SPECIAL CABLE.

THE PRIMACY OF THE POPE.

CONSIDERABLE interest has been taken in the Archbishop of Canterbury's statement (published yesterday in the *Irish Times*) that informal conferences, recognised by the Vatican and Canterbury, have been held during the last two years on the question of reunion of the Roman and Anglican Communions.

The Archbishop of Canterbury revealed that three conferences have been held at Malines with Cardinal Mercier and other distinguished representatives of the Church of Rome. For the third conference, which took place only a few weeks ago, Dr. Davidson nominated Dr. Gore (former Bishop of Oxford) and Dr. Kidd (Warden of Keble College, Oxford) to supplement the English visitors, who included Dr. Armitage Robinson (Dean of Wells), Dr. Walter Frere, and Lord Halifax. On the Roman Catholic side were Cardinal Mercier, Monsignor Van Roey, Vicar-General, and the Abbe Portal.

The discussions are still in an elementary stage, and the Anglican visitors were not representatives of the Church as a whole.

"The difficulties are immense," stated the Archbishop of Canterbury. "They may prove to be for some time to come insuperable." This view is endorsed by the telegram from our Rome Correspondent, who quotes a statement he has received from the Vatican stating that the primacy of the Pope is a first essential of any such reunion.

The Most Rev. Dr. d'Arcy stated yesterday that the conference was held entirely without the knowledge of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

VATICAN'S VIEWS.

PRIMACY OF THE POPE MUST BE RECOGNISED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
ROME, Thursday.

Though at the Vatican it is stated that nothing is known "officially" of the Malines conferences on the reunion of the Anglican and Roman Churches, I have obtained from a high prelate the following statement:—

"All Popes have always desired the union of the Church. The latest Papal appeal was that voiced by Pius XI., when he urged the union of the Oriental Churches to Rome.

"Similar appeals for union were launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and both the latter and the Pope found supporters, as was shown by the revelation by Lord Halifax of the earlier Malines conversations with Cardinal Mercier.

"So Malines became the centre of the discussions. These are quite unofficial so far as the Vatican is concerned. The Vatican, while wishing well to such efforts, remains outside.

"The two points of view are very far apart. The Anglican would welcome a federation of the Churches as a means of strengthening the Christian spirit, weakened by the war, and also as a means of world pacification.

"The Vatican, however, wants reunion on condition of the recognition of the supreme authority of the Pope.

"With such differences, agreement is difficult, and the Vatican itself prefers to keep out of any conversations aiming at reunion unless Anglicans really want more than simple friendship between the Churches and are willing to recognise the supreme religious authority of the Roman Pontiff."

SOME DIFFICULTIES.

THE QUESTION OF THE MARRIED CLERGY.

A well-informed priest in the Roman Catholic Church, in touch with eminent bishops of his communion in England, expressed to a correspondent his surprise that negotiations with Roman Catholics should have been commenced in Belgium by Anglicans.

"People on the Continent do not understand the real ecclesiastical position at home like English Catholics," he remarked. "They consider that the Anglican Church is united on one side and the Nonconformists on the other, but they fail to appreciate the various schools of thought in the Established Church. We do. A more satisfactory result might have obtained if the discussions had taken place here.

"I am not briefed to speak for the Pope, but I do not think that Rome will budge. There is a difficulty with the Anglican married clergy. Suggestions have been made that these clergy might, in the event of reunion, become priests, but Rome does not favour married clergy even in the countries where there are Eastern rites. Bishops are not made from the ranks of married priests."

This Roman authority did not see how the question of Anglican Orders could be reopened again after the Papal authority had pronounced against their validity, unless, as he stated, new facts were to be presented. This did not seem likely.

The Commission that was set up by the Pope to consider this matter, he explained, did not base its judgment so much on historical matters as the difference between the Roman and Anglican Ordination Services.

The members of the Commission analysed the two Services, and found that for three hundred or four hundred years there had been a lack of intention to ordain sacrificing priests in the Anglican Church. That was the basis of their condemnation. Hence the Orders of the Anglican Church would not be valid.

"I do not see how this can be altered at the present time," he added. "Rome has in some cases made concessions, but these cannot be considered vital to the position she occupies. Cardinal Manning was ordained within six months of joining the church. Similar expedition was shown in the case of Monsignor Benson, and most of the Anglican clergy, especially where they are not young men, are ordained quicker than is usually the case. Concessions were agreed to in the case of the Caldey monks.

"One concession provided that the converts from the Anglican Church who were in the choir need not become priests. The rule in the Roman Church is that choir monks should take the priesthood. The Abbot of Caldey, who left the Anglican Church, was allowed to make his novitiate, become ordained, and blessed as Abbot in a very rapid manner. Normally it takes ten years to reach the position of Abbot in the Roman Church, but he did it in eighteen months. This was a very great concession on the part of Rome.

"Rome does not accept the position of the modernists. Those who believe in private interpretation would find her attitude an obstacle to reunion. Private interpretation is incompatible with the Church of Rome.

"The Bishop of Durham could not hold his present views and join the Roman Church. Catholicism is dogmatic, and the Church exercises the right to interpret certain parts of the Bible. As to the passages, she has so decided there are no two questions on the matter. Either accept them and come inside, or reject them and remain outside the Roman Church."

WHO'S WHO?

DR. CHARLES GORE was Bishop of Worcester, 1902-4; Bishop of Birmingham, 1905-11, and Bishop of Oxford, 1911-19.

DR. WALTER FRERE was Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, 1902-13 and 1916-22.

DR. ARMITAGE ROBINSON, Dean of Wells, and formerly Dean of Westminster, is a famous New Testament scholar and critic.

VISCOUNT HALIFAX, President of English Church Union, and a leader of the Anglican High Church party.

DR. KIDD, Warden of Keble College, Oxford, since 1920; Lecturer in Theology at Pembroke College, 1902-11, and Vicar of St. Paul's, Oxford, 1904-20.

MONSIGNOR BATIFFOL is a dignitary of the French Church. The ABBE HEMMER is not so well known.

MONSIGNOR VAN ROEY is a personal friend of Cardinal Mercier.

ABBE PORTAL, a friend of Lord Halifax, holds no leading position in the Roman Church.

FREE CHURCH VIEW.

"WOULD SMASH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND."

Sir Robert Parks, a leading Wesleyan layman, stated the Free Church view in an interview yesterday.

"A union between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church," he said, "would mean the breaking up of the Anglican Church. It would smash the Church of England to pieces. She is already torn with dissension, and any such proposal of absorption—because it does not mean union, but absorption of the Church of England by the Catholic Church—will break her up.

"The Nonconformist Churches are pursuing their own steady path towards reuniting themselves, but they do not want union with the Church of England nor with the Church of Rome."

That the Churches were pledged by the very spirit of the Lambeth appeal to make all the approaches towards reunion that they could was the opinion of the Rev. S. M. Berry, Secretary of the Congregational Union. He added, however, that even the most fervid Protestant would not think of any successful outcome of the present negotiations. The obstacles were too numerous and too great.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S TELEGRAM.

In reply to a telegram inviting him to outline his position in the matter of the Malines discussions, Cardinal Mercier has sent the following message:—

MALINES, Thursday.

"A summarised statement might only create misunderstandings. It is better to await the time when the origin and character of the Malines Conferences can be clearly and fully laid before the public. I thank you, none the less, for the interest you are good enough to take in our efforts."

GIANT AIRSHIP SIGHTED.

ADRIFT IN THE SAHARA.

OFFICIAL NEWS LATE LAST NIGHT.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Thursday, 10.20 p.m.

A wireless message from Medenin reports that, according to a radiogram from Ouargla, the Dixmude was seen at 8 o'clock yesterday evening, drifting in a north-easterly direction towards the Ahaggar plateau, 125 miles south of In-Salah.

This news has just been officially confirmed in a telegram from the Administration of Southern Nigeria, sent from Tunis.

[In-Salah is an oasis in the centre of the Sahara desert, about seven hundred miles south-west of Tunis, and Ahaggar plateau is about about two hundred miles to south-east of In-Salah. The airship would, therefore, appear to be about six hundred miles from the frontier of Nigeria.]

This is the first definite news of the giant airship Dixmude and the 51 men on board which has been received since last Friday.

An official *communique* from the Ministry of Marine this evening fixed the time of the airship's last message. It was wirelessed from the Dixmude to the Admiral Commanding at Algiers, and was dated December 21, timed 8 p.m., and ran as follows:—

"*Our position is 65 miles north of Tougourt. We are travelling at 45 miles per hour towards Algiers. What are the atmospheric conditions over the Atlas Mountains, and what is the state of the weather over Algiers?*"

The Admiral Commanding replied that bad weather prevailed over the whole of the North African coast, and advised Commander Du Plessis to make for a landing at Bechar, some 500 miles south of Oran.

To this message the dirigible did not reply, and the silence was not broken until last evening.

Mounted troops and aeroplanes have been searching every corner and oasis of the Sahara, in Algeria and Tunisia.

It was pointed out to-night in the *Journal* that in August, 1919, the aeroplane Goliath felt for Dakar, and there was no news of the machine for a week. On August 28, after long hours of suspense, a telegram was received at Casablanca announcing that the Goliath was safe, with nine passengers.

Thursday Midnight.

An official *communique* from the Ministry of Marine, issued at 10.30 to-night, officially confirms the report that the Dixmude was seen last night (the 26th) drifting in a north-easterly wind towards the Ahaggar plateau. The velocity of the wind blowing over Southern Algeria has decreased.

PARIS, Friday.

It is thought at In-Salah that from the angle at which the airship was seen, it was going in the direction of Tamaurasset. A patrol, under the command of a French officer, left at once for the Ahaggar.—(Reuter.)

A DREYFUS ECHO.

SECRET HISTORY FROM THE GERMAN ARCHIVES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Thursday.

The ninth volume of German diplomatic documents from the German Foreign Office archives, just published here, deals with the Dreyfus affair, and, apparently, indicates that the charges against Dreyfus of selling secret documents to the German Embassy in Paris were unfounded.

In a despatch from Paris to the German Chancellor, Prince von Hohenlohe, dated December 13, 1894, the German Ambassador in Paris, Count Muenster, reported:—"No one at the Embassy, nor Lieutenant-Colonel von Schwartzkoppen—German Military Attache—knows, or has heard of, Captain Dreyfus. The whole thing is a sheer invention."

Then the French Premier, M. Charles Dupuy, according to the German archives, informed the German Ambassador privately that, although he thought the courtmartial decision a right one, no suspicions were entertained so far as the Germans were concerned.

The German Chancellor thereupon demanded a public official declaration to that effect. The French President, Casimir Perier, in reply, for the first time mentioned an incriminatory document which had been found in a waste paper basket of the German Military Attache in Paris, but the French authorities were not certain whether the handwriting was that of Dreyfus or Esterhazy.

The archives indicate, however, that the German Military Attache had had some sort of relations with the latter.

CHARGE AGAINST A BARON.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BRUSSELS, Thursday.

On January 14 Baron Coppec will appear before the Brussels Assize. He is a great Belgian industrialist, and is accused of having furnished the Germans with coal and benzol for their submarines during the war.

NEXT GERMAN MOVE

HER CAPACITY TO PAY: RUHR REVENUES.

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

It is believed that Berlin will follow up the present conversations with Paris over the future control of the occupied territories with a direct advance to the Reparations Commission regarding her capacity to pay.

Before making this approach, however, Germany wants to know what revenues she can expect from the occupied territories. It would obviously be a great help to the expert committees who are to probe into German finances if this issue could be cleared from the board before they begin their work.

This consideration may be expected to weigh with France and increase her willingness to bring about a speedy settlement of the problem of the occupied territories.

Assuming this issue to be settled, Germany would then address herself to the Reparations Commission, and most probably she would be informed that the Commission desired to await the report of the expert committees before taking any action.

While Great Britain is not showing any direct concern in the Paris-Berlin negotiations, she has obviously a very active interest in the work of the Reparations Commission.

AVALANCHES.

CHALETS OVERWHELMED AND TRAINS HELD UP.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
GENEVA, Thursday.

Further avalanches are reported from various parts of the Alps, but up to the present there has been comparatively little loss of life.

Chalets and stables, used only in summer, have in many cases been carried away.

Near La Comballaz a cattle dealer and his wife were asleep in a chalet when it was overwhelmed. The bodies were discovered hours later 200 yards away under five feet of snow, and still wrapped in bed clothing. Their daughter was in a neighbouring chalet, of which the roof was torn off. All their cattle were lost.

It is said there had been no avalanche in the district for more than 100 years.

An Adelboden message states that an avalanche in the region of Schwanfeldspitze seriously damaged the north wing of the Bellevue Hotel, forcing in all the doors and windows. The diningroom and corridors of the ground floor were filled with snow.

Owing to the danger of avalanches, the Orient express, which usually passes through Switzerland and the Arlberg Pass three times a week, is being sent round by Munich.

The Paris-Berne express was blocked by snow yesterday morning near the Swiss frontier, and help had to be sent from Neuchatel. The postal service in many outlying places has been interrupted, including that to Saas-Fee, near Zermatt.

BERNE, Thursday.

Fresh reports of avalanches are coming in from mountain localities, some places in the Grisons and Glarus being completely cut off, while numerous cases of damage are reported at Weisstannen. In the St. Gall a farm has been destroyed, involving the death of an old man and injuries to a child.—(Reuter.)

CHAMBERY, Thursday.

Bad weather conditions continue throughout Savoy. As the result of a heavy snow fall, two chalets were engulfed at Roseland. Relief work is proceeding. Last night three bodies were removed. Traffic is also suspended on several Alpine lines. Very heavy snowstorms are reported throughout Austria, and the weather is bitterly cold.—(Reuter.)

BROADCASTING.

"BIG BEN" MAY BE HEARD ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

It has been suggested to the British Broadcasting Company that the chimes of Big Ben should be broadcast on New Year's Eve. Experiments are being made, and it is expected that the suggestion will be carried out.

M. Poincare's message to British "listeners-in" will be broadcast throughout London on Sunday at 9 p.m. He will speak from his study in Paris.

Nine amateur wireless enthusiasts succeeded during the Christmas holiday in transmitting signals across the Atlantic. Upwards of 50 took part in the test, which was arranged by the Radio Society of Great Britain, in co-operation with the American Radio Relay League. Among the successful was C. W. Goyder, the Mill Hill schoolboy, who sent a message from the new Science buildings at the school in the early hours of Christmas morning. A feature of the test was that considerably better results were got from short wave-lengths. The experiments will be carried on till January 10.

Five French and two Dutch stations were also successful in getting through.

COMMUNISTS AS FOOTBALLERS.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL DENIAL IN PORTUGAL.

LISBON, Thursday.

A semi-official denial is issued here to a report that a number of athletic associations are composed of extreme agitators.

Referring to a report that at a football match recently played at Seville all the players were members of Communist organisations, the semi-official statement says that it is possible that in the party of eleven footballers who were at Seville there were a number of politicians of more or less pronounced views, who might, in the same way, have joined any non-athletic association, or have gone to Seville under other pretexts.

The Portuguese police have not discovered evidence of any special Communist agitation in Portugal.—(Reuter.)

MR. BRUCE IN FRANCE.

VISIT TO WAR GRAVES.

AMIENS, Thursday.

Mr. Bruce, Australian Prime Minister, and Mrs. Bruce, who have been taking a few days' rest in Paris, travelled this morning to Amiens for a three-day visit to the war cemeteries and battlefields.

Mr. Bruce was met by Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, head of the Imperial War Graves Commission, the Australian representative of the War Graves Commission, and the military authorities. He leaves to-morrow for Arras and Ypres.—(Reuter.)

BOMB AT A DANCE.

ONE KILLED AND 17 INJURED.

BUDAPEST, Thursday.

A Christmas dance, arranged in the town of Chongrad last night by the Association of Jewish Women, was marred by a tragic incident.

While the dance was in progress a bomb was thrown into the hall. It exploded, killing one person and injuring seventeen others, many of them seriously. Several suspects have been arrested.—(Reuter.)

SWISS HOTEL ACCIDENT.

BERNE, Thursday.

A fatal accident is reported from a Saint Moritz hotel. While a luggage lift was descending the weight used as a counterbalance became unhooked and fell down, smashing in the ceiling of a room containing nine members of the staff. Two were killed on the spot, and two others were seriously injured. None of the others escaped unhurt.

FEWER FRENCH DEPUTIES.

PARIS, Thursday.

The bill to fix the number of deputies at 577 instead of the existing 626 was carried in the Chamber to-day.—(Reuter.)

FREE STATE ARMY.

REORGANISATION SCHEME.

REDUCED SCALE OF PAY

CHANGES IN HIGHER RANKS.

We understand that the Irish Free State Army authorities have had under consideration a scheme of general reorganisation for the Free State Army. The object of the scheme is to meet the changing conditions consequent on the restoration of order and the gradual reduction in the numerical strength of the Army itself.

Under the new scheme important changes may be expected, not the least result of which will be that substantial economies will be effected. Indeed, a start has been made already in two directions.

Under a Defence Order of one or two months ago the pay of the private soldier has been reduced from 24s. 6d. a week to 17s. 6d. a week. The reattestation of ranks is at present in progress, and all soldiers who are physically fit are given on demobilisation the opportunity of reattesting at the new rate of pay. The reduction is equal to 7s. a week. It is said that the authorities intend to introduce later a flat rate of, approximately, 14s. 6d. or 15s. a week for the ordinary privates, but this further reduction is unlikely to operate before the beginning of the coming financial year.

The demobilisation of men and the cessation of armed hostilities naturally call for a general readjustment of the machinery of organisation, and far-reaching changes are proposed, to operate as from April next or earlier. Upwards of 25,000 men have been demobilised, leaving the total numerical strength of the Army to-day, roughly, 29,000 men. The Ministry of Defence hopes to have this number reduced to 20,000 by March next.

Already 765 officers have been demobilised, and by February next many others will have been discharged.

NEW CLASSIFICATION.

The aim of the Army authorities is to have set up, by the beginning of the financial year, a definite military establishment, of tangible size and strength. There will be a specific number of officers and men, classified, broadly, on a two-grade basis of physical fitness. At present the number of men who are being enlisted, or re-attested, in Class C is limited to a small proportion of those now forming the three grades.

It is understood that the number of higher command officers will be considerably lessened under the new scheme, and it is suggested that the rank of Colonel or Major will be substituted for the present title of Major-General. The rank Major, although not now in use, was included in the recent Defence Forces (Temporary Provicions) Act, and will probably come into use under the new arrangement.

It is expected that several military barracks in the country districts will be closed or evacuated, and that the forces generally will be put on a permanent peace footing.

In April next the new scheme of organisation will be outlined for the Dail, when the Army Estimates for the year 1924-25 are submitted. These estimates will be in detailed form—giving full particulars of all items of expenditure—instead of being presented in bulk under different sub-heads, as in the past two years.

LIEUTENANT GAFFNEY'S ESCAPE.

OFFICER CHARGED WITH HARBOURING HIM.

The search for Lieutenant Gaffney, of the Free State Army, who escaped from custody in Tralee after he and six soldiers had been arrested by the Civic Guard in connection with the murder of the young civilian, Thomas Brosnan, at Scartaglin, some weeks ago, is being continued by the police. Up to the present he has succeeded in "escaping their vigilance."

A telegram from Tralee states that Captain William McClean, of the 17th Infantry Battalion, National Army, has been arrested by Chief Superintendent Hannigan, of the Civic Guard, charged with harbouring Lieutenant Gaffney.

Captain McClean was brought before District Justice Johnson at the Civic Guard Station in Tralee, and remanded in custody to Cork Jail.

The police authorities are confident that they will be able to effect the arrest of the missing officer in a short time. They made two visits to the Ballymullen military barracks, where apparently they expected to find him.

GAS WORKERS' WAGES.

CUT SAID TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

A conference took place yesterday in the offices of the Ministry of Labour, Dublin, between representatives of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Consumers Company and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in connection with the proposed "cut" of 6s. a week in the wages of gas workers. The present wage is 64s. a week.

The conference lasted about nine hours. It was learned subsequently that the men have accepted the proposed reduction, which is to be enforced at the rate of 3s. on the 1st of January, and a further 3s. a week later.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

A NEW PEACE MOVE.

MEXICO CITY, Thursday.

The *Excelsior* reports that General Flores, Governor of Sinaloa, and Presidential candidate, has initiated a new peace move. It adds that Senor Tellez, a Mexican judge, who is heading the Peace Commission from Sinaloa, has arrived here with a proposal.

It is reported that Senor Vellez had previously conferred with President Obregon and several rebel Generals, and that he was also in communication with Senor de la Huerta. Details of the proposal he has brought are not yet known.—(Reuter.)

An Exchange message from New York says that the rebel, General Figueroa, captured Iguala in the State of Euerrero, after a three hours' battle. He also captured Puente Deixtla in the State of Morelos, and is now advancing on Toluca. Two carloads of Federal troops are reported to have been killed in the battle near Esperanzo. The Federals are evacuating San Marcos, Ruamantla, Oriental, and Apizaco, and concentrating on Mexico City.

FERRY ACCIDENT.

SIX PASSENGERS DEAD OUT OF THIRTEEN.

BERLIN, Thursday.

A ferry boat across the river Main collapsed last night near Dettelbach, and, according to a telegram from Wuerzburg, six out of thirteen passengers were drowned. The task of rescuing the others was considerably hindered by the darkness.—(Reuter.)

RACECOURSE ACCIDENT.

FAMILIAR RIDER INJURED.

Captain Bennet, the famous amateur National Hunt rider, who rode the Grand National winner last March, was injured and rendered unconscious by the fall of Ardeen, in the Oteley Steeplechase at Wolverhampton yesterday. He was taken to the local hospital.

On inquiry last night the Press were informed that Captain Bennet was still unconscious. The exact nature of his injuries had not then been definitely ascertained, but he was found, at any rate, to be suffering from concussion.

Captain Bennet ties with F. Rees and J. Hogan, jun., at the head of the winning jockeys' list this year. He won the Grand National on Sergeant Murphy.

ASYLUM FIRE PANIC.

SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST IN CHICAGO.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CHICAGO, Thursday.

At least sixteen insane patients and one nurse lost their lives in a fire which destroyed two wings of the old wooden tuberculosis pavilion of the Chicago State Hospital at Dunning.

The seventeen bodies have already been recovered from the ruins, but the death roll will probably be increased, as many inmates are missing. It is hoped, however, that these may be roaming the countryside, having rushed away from the burning building in fright.

The Chicago State Hospital for the Insane is a very extensive building, but the fire, fortunately, was confined to the older and original sections. At the moment the origin of the fire is a mystery.

It broke out whilst 500 patients were at dinner, which was to have preceded a big concert and Christmas party for the whole of the hospital inmates, who numbered between 3,000 and 4,000.

The scene of holiday peace was turned into mad panic, as the nurses and attendants rushed the patients into safety. There were some thrilling works of rescue, the prompt action of the officials undoubtedly saving hundreds of the patients from death.

Presents had been distributed to the patients before dinner, and it is feared that many of the deaths resulted from some of the patients delaying flight through efforts to save their Christmas presents.

The flames soon spread rapidly through the old wooden structure, and it was early evident that no effort on the part of the firemen could save the wing. Therefore, all efforts were concentrated by the firemen, as well as the official volunteers, to rescue the patients. Rain added to the confusion, as the frightened patients had to be marshalled through the downpour some distance to the main hospital buildings.

JAPANESE CABINET.

RESIGNATION TENDERED.

TOKIO, Thursday.

The Government has tendered its resignation.

Ruffians this evening tried to enter the residences of Count Yamamoto, the Prime Minister, and Baron Goto, the Minister for Home Affairs, but were kept out by police.

REGENT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

TOKIO, Thursday.

An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning to assassinate Prince Hirohito, the Prince Regent.

The Regent was going towards the Diet, when a youth of twenty fired with a cane gun at the Imperial motor car, smashing the windows. The Prince was unhurt, and continued his way to the Diet.—(Reuter.)

SCANDINAVIAN UNITY.

MINISTER'S VIEWS OF PEACE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
COPENHAGEN, December 27.

The Danish *National Tidende* publishes an interview with the Swedish Minister, Trygger, in which he says that the League of Nations is not a reliable guarantee for future peace.

Europe, before the war, existed on a system of political balance, but now the balance is disturbed. There is little wonder the European States think of themselves, instead of mingling with others' business, the Swedish Minister declared.

He further stated that the European policy of to-day is to trust only yourself, and that Sweden's mission now is to collect Scandinavia into one camp.

Scandinavian countries must stand together if we want to be heard in the world's noise, Mr. Trygger continued. Sweden does not want to make any agreement regarding defences with the Allies.

REDUCED BY HALF.

SENTENCES ON TURKISH PRISONERS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

The Angora National Assembly yesterday passed the much discussed General Amnesty Bill, which reduces by half all sentences pronounced prior to October 29th, 1923, the date of the proclamation of the Republic.

The Assembly, by 112 votes against 44, confirmed the rejection of a motion presented by 25 deputies demanding that sentences passed by the Tribunals of Independence must be confirmed by the Assembly.—(Reuter.)

BRITAIN'S PLEDGES.

WHAT THE DOMINIONS EXPECT.

MONTREAL, Thursday.

Mr. Massey, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, in an interview here to-night, said in reference to the preference proposals of the Imperial Conference:—It seems unthinkable that there should be any going back on the promise made to the Dominions. Any such happening would be most regrettable. I have no wish—nor would it be fitting to do so—to interfere in the domestic policies of Great Britain; but whatever may be the outcome of the present situation, I do most strongly hope that the work and recommendations of the Conferences will not be jeopardised."

Mr. Massey expressed keen appreciation at the warmth of the welcome given him by Canada, which he regarded as an expression of good-will from the sister Dominion to New Zealand.—(Reuter.)

LORD LEVERHULME'S VIEW.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Lord Leverhulme, who is now here, gives it as his opinion in an interview that Protection is absolutely dead and that an effective British Preference to the Dominions is impracticable.—(Reuter.)

JAPANESE UNIVERSITY FIRE.

ENTIRE BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

NAGASAKI, Thursday.

A fire broke out last night at the Imperial University at Fukuoka, the entire building and the Engineering College being destroyed.

The damage is estimated at five million yen.

Fukuoka is a town on the north-west coast of Kiu-shiu Island, Japan. It is 65 miles north-north-east of Nagasaki, and has a population of 67,000, with considerable commerce in silk.

"BOOTLEG" LIST STILL MISSING.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Thursday.

The search continues for the mysterious list of 1,400 prominent Washingtonians, including two Cabinet members, who were on the calling books of the capital's "bootleggers." The list was supposed to have fallen into the hands of prohibition officials, but it disappeared mysteriously. The Treasury Department denies that the list was ever in its possession, but it is generally believed in Washington that such a list actually did exist.

THE DUCHESS OF ATHOLL AND WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES.

The Duchess of Atholl, responding to speeches congratulating her on her return to Parliament, at a luncheon at Edinburgh yesterday, under the auspices of the Joint Committee of the local women's organisation, said that while she agreed that the Women's Party in the Commons must press for particular reforms, there was confronting them the larger general question of securing the ground won, and making the representation of women in Parliament assured, by demonstrating its value. The ideal of comradeship and partnership in married life must inspire them in their relationships with men members of the Commons.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

TANGIER CONVENTION

A FAIR TRIAL NEEDED.

The Times in a leading article observes:—The actual text of the Tangier Convention just concluded between representatives of Great Britain, France and Spain, substantiates rather than dispels the fear that was expressed in these columns when the first forecast was telegraphed to London by our Special Correspondent in Paris. A careful study of its details, which perhaps could hardly be made clear in the official summary, leads to the conclusion that, dressed in the garb of internationalisation, France will rule the Tangier zone. Intrinsically there is no injustice in this solution. France is acknowledged to be the Power most interested in and most actively occupied with Morocco; nor can it be forgotten that in the *Entente* agreement of 1904 France resigned her special rights in Egypt in exchange for a free hand in Morocco.

Tangier, nevertheless, has always been officially regarded as a zone apart from the rest of the country to which Moroccan Treaties have not applied. It held an irregular and undefined international position, and the British object in the recent negotiations was categorically to establish its internationalisation. That object has been only partially secured. All through the 56 Articles are signs of the preponderant French position, only sometimes shared by Spain. In the matter of transporting troops, for instance, both Powers have the right to pass through men and arms to their respective zones for specially authorised periods of forty-eight hours. The signatories of the Convention, who are, of course, to be joined by the other Powers associated in the Act of Algeciras, bind themselves to respect and maintain absolutely the neutrality of the Tangier zone. Nothing is said as to what is to happen if any one Power violates this clause. Nothing much was possible, except, perhaps, to invoke the League of Nations, but it is obvious that in any such contingency the Powers having the right to transport troops across the territory in question would have both special duties and special temptations.

To Britain, whose commercial interests appear to be indifferently safeguarded, the special compliment is paid of having two principal magistrates on the new mixed tribunal, while France and Spain have but one apiece. Considerable trouble has certainly been expanded over the elaboration of details, and it is much to be hoped that the new proposals will meet with general acceptance by the Powers, to whom they will now be submitted. In particular, we may be allowed to express the hope that Signor Mussolini, who, were he a small man, would certainly cherish some resentment at the exclusion of Italy from the Tangier deliberations, will show the magnanimity of a true statesman and join with others in giving the scheme a fair trial.

FRENCH MURDER TRIAL.

A DEPLORABLE ACQUITTAL.

The acquittal of Germaine Berton by the Seine Assize Court for the murder of M. Plateau is an outrage upon justice, remarks *The Times* editorially. There was no question of the material facts. The prisoner admitted in open court that she had shot M. Plateau: her only regret was that she had not shot M. Leon Daudet instead. Her counsel did not plead insanity. His argument was that in murdering M. Plateau she conceived that she was not murdering an individual, but striking at an organisation. This audacious sophism apparently satisfied the jury of the Seine. The result has, naturally, delighted the Communists and the anarchists; it has filled good citizens of all parties in France with shame and regret.

The whole course of the proceedings seems bewildering to English minds. Germaine Berton goes free, an example for others. Pity for her youth and for her unbalanced mind might have explained a recommendation to mercy despite the cold-blooded deliberation of her act. But to declare such an offender innocent is an insult to common-sense and a scandal to the public conscience.

POLAR EXPLORATION.

IMPORTANT RESULTS EXPECTED.

The plans for the exploring trip to the North Polar regions next summer of the United States naval rigid airship Shenandoah were made public yesterday by the Secretary of the Navy, states *The Times* New York Correspondent in a message last night. In the report of the special Arctic Board under Rear-Admiral Moffett the expedition was described as feasible and practicable, without any undue risk to the *personnel* or material. The permanent Northern base is to be at Nome, Alaska, but there will be ancillary bases at Point Barrow and Spitzbergen, and two vessels equipped with mooring masts will serve as mobile bases for the Shenandoah and six aeroplanes. The latter will do most of the aerological observation, but they are expected to give valuable help as well in determining what land, if any, there is in the million square miles which is still a mystery.

For the first summer, however, hardly more than reconnaissance work will be attempted, though there is a possibility that an air route to the East may be indicated. In this connection it is pointed out that the distance from England to Japan *via* Spitzbergen and the North Pole is hardly half as long as it is through temperate zones.

"RED" DESPOTISM.

PARTY ORGAN TAKEN OVER.

The Times Correspondent at Riga telegraphed yesterday:—The Central Committee of the Communist Party is endeavouring to smother opposition to its courses by taking over for its exclusive use the *Pravda*, the official organ of the party.

This action was the outcome of a revolt of the staff of the *Pravda*, which had resulted in the resignation or dismissal of several prominent Communists, who insisted that the party organ should give impartial publicity to the views of both sides.

A JUST DEBT.

The *Daily Express* says:—During the war Major McCudden won the Victoria Cross for his valour in the air. He brought down nearly sixty enemy aeroplanes, and shared with Captain Ball the honour of being in the first flight of air heroes. The British people, who are not lacking in gratitude, now hear with indignant surprise that Major McCudden's mother is living in dread of her pension being reduced below the margin of subsistance and that she is seeking a post which will enable her to eke out the meagre tribute of her country. She lost three sons in the war, and her husband, after serving in the Army for thirty years, has died since the Armistice. The facts need only to be stated in order to obliterate them. Mrs. McCudden must not live in want. The nation owes her a debt too great for that.

THE MARCHIONESS CURZON.

BUENOS AIRES, Thursday.

The Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the British Foreign Minister, left here for England to-day.—(Reuter.)

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES.

Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, is returning to America on the Majestic on January 2nd. Sir John Henry will accompany him.

SENTENCES ON AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

A naval court-martial has sentenced Captain Watson and Lieutenant Hunter, commanders of the destroyer squadron which crashed on the rocks off the Californian coasts several months ago, causing the loss of a number of vessels and of a score of lives. Captain Watson was reduced 150 numbers in the promotion list, and Lieutenant Hunter 100.

MOTOR RACES IN IRELAND.

TWO PLANS UNDER DISCUSSION.

MR. WALSH'S ERROR.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT AND AN IRISH TROPHY.

The prospect of an international road race in Ireland for racing motor cars is being widely discussed. We printed yesterday a statement on the subject by Mr. J. J. Walsh, Director of the Tailteann Games organisation. Mr. Walsh referred to a proposal which has been under discussion for some time past to hold an international motor contest in Ireland in August next, with the idea that it would be an additional attraction for people who think of visiting Ireland for the Tailteann Games and the Horse Show in that month.

Mr. Walsh recounted the progress of the negotiations which led to the undertaking by the Royal Irish Automobile Club to endeavour to arrange such an event. He went on to state that "before deciding on a course the Automobile Association determined to secure the approval of the English holders of the international motor trophy, and the English Automobile Association was communicated with, with a view to co-operation, about a week ago. Two outstanding racing men were requested to visit Ireland to inspect these tracks, but instead of coming to Dublin, as intended, they went direct to Belfast, and it appeared that in connection with the Northern Government there, they not only inspected but agreed on a course, ignoring altogether the Association in Dublin, which was solely instrumental in initiating the idea of a race."

TWO RACES.

Mr. Walter Sexton, of the Royal Irish Automobile Club, was interviewed on this matter by an *Irish Times* representative yesterday, and said that the statement would suggest that Mr. Walsh is not fully informed of the precise state of affairs. In the first place, it is well to correct a little terminological inexactitude employed by Mr. Walsh in alluding to the "Automobile Association." There is no Royal Irish Automobile Association, and the Automobile Association which has its headquarters in England, and numbers among its members many motorists in Ireland, is not concerned with the organisation of international racing events. The Royal Automobile Club is the body that controls motor racing as a sport within the British Empire, and the Royal Irish Automobile Club carries out these functions as regards Ireland.

The chief point made clear by Mr. Sexton is that there are two races—not one—at present in course of negotiation. The first project—that which concerns Mr. Walsh—is for an Irish international motor race, which the Royal Irish Automobile Club agree with Mr. Walsh in desiring to inaugurate in August, 1924, with a view to making it an annual event like the Grand Prix race in France.

The second project is to induce, if possible, the parties concerned in the arrangements for the holding of the International Road Race, an event of long standing, to hold it in Ireland. This is quite a separate undertaking. There are strands of both projects, however, interwoven.

THE PROBLEMS.

The question of the course over which each of these races could be run, supposing that Ireland gets the International Road Race, would have to be settled. The question as to dates of the respective fixtures would arise. It might even come to the necessity for deciding whether the two events should be made one—whether two separately run events would be too much for the parties concerned, and whether it would be feasible, or permitted, to combine an Irish promotion with the older event.

While the Royal Irish Automobile Club has definitely agreed with the Tailteann Games organisers to try to arrange an international road race for an Irish trophy about the time appointed for the Games, with hopes of making such a race an annual event, the suggestion that the standing International Road Race should be held in Ireland is still very much in the air. For convenience in further reference, we shall allude to the first project as that for an Irish road race (though, like the other, it will be open to all nations), and to the older tournament as the International Road Race.

The position as regards the latter is well known. The country which wins the trophy in any year has the choice of venue for the next year's race. In 1923 a Sunbeam team won the race in Italy, and consequently the Royal Automobile Club, as the controlling authority in the winning country, has the right to appoint that the 1924 race shall be held over a course in the British Isles. It may appoint a course in England, Scotland

and the alternatives which have been thought suitable by the officers of the Irish Club.

The visit of these two motorists to Northern Ireland was independent of any arrangements by the Royal Irish Automobile Club, which is the body to be consulted by the parent Club as to a course either in Northern Ireland or in the Free State area.

"We know," said Mr. Sexton on this point, "the possibilities and the courses in the North of Ireland, and we also know those in the South, and we believe that a suitable course has been found in the Free State. Any course that we recommend as suitable must be considered by the controlling authority."

In any event, the Club desires an inspection such as has been proposed with a view to the proposed Irish road race, even if Ireland is not to be the venue for the international race. Mr. Sexton stated that since hearing of the visit of the two representatives to the North the Club had written to them again, and he believed that they were prepared to inspect the course in the Free State under the auspices of the Club.

As regards the date when the international race would be held, Mr. Sexton pointed out that the authorities concerned would have many points to consider, among which the date fixed for the Tailteann Games would not figure very prominently.

That it would be in the late summer time was probable from the fact that practice trips over the course would have to be made between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m., when the mornings were light. Again, dates already proposed for international racing events in other countries would have to be taken into account. Such events are held annually in France, Italy and Spain, and firms which will be entering for the International Road Race to be held in the British Isles will want a date to fit in with their arrangements for sending teams to other countries.

THE IRISH EVENT.

As regards the Irish event, the position is that the Royal Irish Automobile Club is fully prepared to go ahead with its arrangements to co-operate with the Tailteann Games organisation by promoting, if possible, an international motor road race to be held in August, 1924, for an Irish trophy. Such an event would almost certainly be on Free State territory, for this year at least, and in fixing it the Irish Club would be independent of outside bodies, except as to the extent to which these would require consideration if they are to be induced to support the event at all.

The Automobile Club is inclined, if either way, to attach the greater importance to the proposed Irish event, because of the possibility of making it an annual event, whereas the international race can only be held again in the British Isles if, and when, it is won by a British team.

Reference has been made in some quarters, where the possibility of a motor race in Ireland has been discussed, to fears of trouble over Customs duties. On this matter, however, it is pointed out that there ought to be no difficulty at all. The Royal Irish Automobile Club and its communicating bodies would certainly have the co-operation of the authorities in any special arrangements that might be thought advisable; but even under ordinary arrangements, in practice under what is known as the *triptique* system, Customs troubles are done away with for members of the recognised clubs.

Besides, the amount of any deposit that could be demanded on cars brought in for a race would be a mere bagatelle compared with the outlay any firm has to make in taking part in an international road race.

THE NORTHERN VISIT.

SOME MISCONCEPTIONS CLEARED UP.

By A MOTORING CORRESPONDENT.

All that we know of the movement to hold a race in the North of Ireland at present is that a fortnight ago Mr. K. Lee Guinness and Major Segrave, two men with great experience of modern motor racing on the road (both Irishmen) arrived in Belfast as the representatives of the Royal Automobile Club to inspect a course for a road race.

They went over the twenty miles circuit on which the Ulster Grand Prix motor cycle race was held in 1922 and this year, and also inspected several other possible courses. The Grand Prix circuit they regarded as unnecessarily long, in view of the fact that the number of competitors in a car race would be less than in the motor bicycle races held over that circuit.

They did not, however, select or approve any particular circuit. They met the representatives of the Government Department that would be concerned with the issuing of a permit to hold the event, and at a meeting, over which the Right Hon. Thomas Moles, P.C., M.P., presided, at the offices of the Ulster Centre of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland they met some of the Northern traders and representatives of motor cycling interests, all of whom received with enthusiasm the possibility of a race being held in the neighbourhood of Belfast, and promised every support and assistance.

THE R.A.C. RACE.

Although there is a doubt as to whether the visit of Mr. Lee Guinness and Major Segrave was at the invitation of a local body in the North of Ireland, it would appear to be more likely that their visit indicated an intention on the part of the Royal Automobile Club to hold a road race in 1924.

The club was anxious to promote such an event last year, but had to abandon its plans in deference to the representatives of the trade. It is hardly likely to make definite arrangements for the holding of a race in 1924 until it is assured of the support of the trade, but an essential preliminary to the asking of such support is a decision as to where the suggested race will be held. This appears to have been the object of the visit of Mr. Lee Guinness and Major Segrave to Belfast.

A 1922 PROPOSAL.

It is of interest to recall that the first serious suggestion as to the holding of a motor road race in Ireland was made in the early part of 1922 by Mr. Harry Ferguson, of Belfast. Conceiving the idea that the holding of one or two road races in Ireland would be one of the best ways of demonstrating to the world that the disturbed condition of affairs from which the country had suffered for some years was at an end, he issued invitations to the members of the motor trade to meetings in Belfast and Dublin, and at each of these meetings a local committee was formed with the object of promoting a road race in its area.

The Dublin Committee secured the co-operation of the Royal Irish Automobile Club, and joint representatives of the trade and the club spent a good deal of time in endeavouring to find a suitable course for a race in the neighbourhood of Dublin. They did not succeed in their efforts; but this was mainly due to the fact that neither the representatives of the club nor of the trade shared Mr. Ferguson's optimism that the time was ripe for the holding of a race. Subsequent experience showed that they were correct in their ideas. When the time arrived at which it was intended to hold the race the South of Ireland was in a state of civil war. The movement consequently petered out.

While conditions in the North of Ireland were less disturbed than in the South, the possibility of holding a race there was by no means without obstacles. The local Committee selected a circuit of twenty miles in the neighbourhood of Belfast, but the Government intimated that in its opinion the holding of the race was undesirable. It did not actually refuse permission to hold the event, and, as a fact, it subsequently consented to the holding of a motor bicycle race over the course in the late autumn.

THE NORTHERN ACT.

A very important preliminary step had in the interval been taken by the Government of Northern Ireland. An Act of Parliament was passed which gave a County Council permission to permit of the holding a race, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the fact that this Act is still on the books is a good reason why the Royal Automobile Club should look to Northern Ireland as a possible venue for any road race it might propose to hold.

It is generally agreed that public opinion in England and Scotland would not tolerate the holding of a road race on a public highway. Therefore, should the Royal Automobile Club desire to hold a race in the British Isles, the only places open to it are the Isle of Man and Ireland. In the Isle of Man, a special Act of Parliament would be necessary; in the Free State, Parliamentary sanction would also be required, but would doubtless be readily granted—quite as readily, in fact, as the Irish members of Parliament supported the legislation in the Imperial Parliament which made it possible to hold the Gordon-Bennett race in Ireland in 1903.

In Northern Ireland, however, the Act is already on the Statute Book, and all that is required is the permission of the County Council in whose jurisdiction the venue of the race would lie and the sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

It would consequently appear to be incorrect to regard the visit of Mr. Lee Guinness and Major Segrave to Belfast as "altogether ignoring the Club in Dublin," but the fact that they did not take advantage of their visit to Ireland to inspect the Southern course seems to call for some explanation from the Royal Automobile Club.

TRADE SUPPORT NECESSARY.

Whether the suggested road race takes place under the auspices of the Council of the Tailteann Games, the Royal Automobile Club, or of some Committee in Northern Ireland, it will be well for the promoters to bear in mind that a first essential to its success is to secure the support of the manufacturing trade. Without that support no race or races can be brought to a successful issue.

The anxiety of the Royal Automobile Club to hold a road race was beyond doubt, but when the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders intimated that in its opinion the then condition of the industry made the holding of the event undesirable, the Club was reluctantly compelled to bow to its edict. The trade is in quite as well organised a position now as it was then, and its consent to the holding of the race is as essential as ever.

AFGHANISTAN MYSTERY.

FIGHTING REPORTED.

MAHMUD TARZI KHAN SEES M. POINCARE.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday.

While the direct news from Afghanistan is still scanty and obscure, the mystery which surrounds the whole affair is deepened by the active interest Paris appears to be taking in it.

It will be remembered that it was a statement made by Mahmud Tarzi Khan, the Afghan Minister in Paris, that first acquainted Great Britain with the dangerous situation which had arisen. It now appears that on Christmas Eve M. Poincaré received a visit from Mahmud Tarzi Khan, at which the present position in Afghanistan was discussed.

Mahmud Tarzi publicly declared ten days ago that Great Britain had designs upon the independence of his country. His visit to the French Premier coincides with an attack in a certain section of the French Press on Great Britain's policy, and ambiguous references have been made to a treaty between Kabul and Turkey, which provides for mutual defensive action against the aggression of such a Power as Great Britain.

France, it might be added, enjoys archæological concessions in Afghanistan. It is not generally appreciated in this country that at the present moment Paris, Moscow, Angora, and Teheran are all actively interested in the Anglo-Afghan dispute. This gives weight to the demand for a speedy settlement, before any further complications follow.

The answer given in British official quarters to attacks on our policy is that we have no intention whatever of infringing the sovereignty of Afghanistan or of sending any ultimatum to the Amir's Government.

Meanwhile the only news from Kabul is that the forces which set out to scour the country for the frontier murderers have been engaged in some fighting, but it is not stated with whom.

TREASON TRIAL.

LEADER OF TURKISH BAR SENTENCED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

Lufti Fikri Bey, leader of the Turkish Bar, has been sentenced by the Tribunal of Independence to five years' hard labour for treason, says Reuter.

He was charged with having published an open letter to the Khalif at the time of the rumours of the latter's abdication, in which he implored the Khalif not to resign, as this, he considered, would be a disaster to the dynasty and the country.

In the course of the proceedings, Lufti Fikri Bey said he considered the rumours of the Khalif's abdication to be so much propaganda, designed to induce the Khalif to retire. Although the law of November 1st, 1923, maintained the dignity of the family of Osman, that law could easily be changed if the majority of the Assembly were favourable, and his object was to uphold this law, which the newspaper *Aksham* had assailed when it published the report that a successor of the Khalif would be chosen at a special conference of all Moslems. He was, therefore, surprised that the editor of *Aksham* had not been prosecuted while he himself was.

Fikri Bey has been leader of the Turkish Bar for several years, and is one of the foremost advocates in Turkey. He may be described as a moderate Nationalist. The prosecutor demanded the death penalty.

THE DUESSELDORF RIOTS.

SENTENCES ON "GREEN POLICE."

DUESSELDORF, Thursday.

The French courtmartial which for the past week has been trying Herr Gruetzner, the Lieutenant-Governor of Duesseldorf; over 30 "Green Police," and a number of other officials for being responsible for causing the deaths of various persons during the Separatist riots in Duesseldorf on Sunday, September 30, has come to an end. Verdicts and sentences were announced this afternoon after the Court had deliberated upon them in private for three and a half hours.

Herr Gruetzner was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, and was forbidden to reside in occupied territories for twenty years. Several police officers were sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying between ten years and six months. Others were sentenced to periods of imprisonment from three years to three months. Three officers and nineteen policemen were acquitted.

In addition to imprisonment, three police officers were ordered to pay fines ranging from one thousand to five hundred gold marks, and two policemen were forbidden to return to the occupied territories for twenty years.

The President of the Court, before announcing the verdicts, emphasised that the trial was not a political one, and that judgment would be given without political considerations and without prejudice. I desire, he said, that the Court should give a verdict such as would contribute to the establishment of tranquillity and the relaxation of tension.

THE ATTACK ON SIGNOR AMENDOLA.

EXCITEMENT IN ROME.

ROME, Thursday.

Yesterday's violent attack on Signor Amendola, one of Signor Nitti's most prominent lieutenants, has caused considerable excitement in political circles.

The *Giornale d'Italia* says that the driver of the taxi which was used by the aggressors, on being arrested, declared that at five o'clock in the morning five men, unknown to him, hired him to drive to Via Francesco Crispi, where the assault took place. One of the men remained in the taxi.

After the attack the driver was ordered to drive through the tunnel. He drew up near the Fascisti Barracks in order to seek help, but the five men got out and mixed with the crowd. The Fascisti have issued a statement denying all connection with the crime. In any case, it is declared, the party as a whole cannot be held responsible for the action of a few hotheads.

An inquiry is to be conducted by the Fascisti.

MISSING LANARKSHIRE FARMER

Mr. Thomas D. Allan, Parkhouse, Thankerton, Lanarkshire, who left home on the 17th inst., is still missing. He is 37 years of age, 5ft. 11ins. in height, sandy, fair hair, blue-grey eyes, clean-shaven, and was wearing a grey tweed suit and overcoat, and a waterproof and grey tweed hat. Should he see this, he is urged to communicate with his family. News of anyone answering the description will be gratefully received by his family. It is thought that he may take farming work, possibly under another name. Mr. Allan is held in great esteem, and is assured of a hearty welcome if he will return.

GREEK SITUATION.

WAITING FOR LEAD FROM M. VENIZELOS.

REPUBLICANS' HOPES.

ATHENS, Thursday.

Expectancy is the feature of the situation to-day. General interest centres in M. Venizelos's action when he arrives. That action, it is thought, will depend to a very great extent upon the view which he has formed as to the Powers' attitude towards the latest developments in Greece.

His followers constitute a majority in the National Assembly, and will, doubtless, follow the line he indicates.

The Republicans seem convinced that the Moderate Democrats will act in unison with them, and, of course, much depends on whether their hopes materialise.

Meanwhile the *Democrateia* maintains its rather uncompromising attitude. In an article to-day it says:—"Moderate Liberals took part in the elections with the obligation to support a plebiscite for the solution of the constitutional crisis. Their apprehensions of external dangers have come to naught. The Dynasty has been overthrown, and the week has passed without a cloud appearing on the international horizon, or any sign of discontent. The plebiscite will take place, and, likewise, the change in the Constitution. All they will gain from their comic efforts will be a diminution of *prestige* and the indignation of the people.

FRANCE NEUTRAL.

PARIS, Thursday.

M. Venizelos was received this morning at Quai D'Orsay, prior to his departure for Athens, by M. Peretti Della Rocca, Director of Political Affairs at the Foreign Ministry. According to the *Temps*, M. Della Rocca reminded the Greek statesman that the French Government intended to maintain absolute neutrality with regard to the various political parties in Greece.

WIRELESS WONDER.

SIR OLIVER LODGE ON DEVELOPMENTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday.

Discussing wireless and broadcasting developments to-day, Sir Oliver Lodge said:—"The thing that wants improving is the loud speaker in order to improve intonation. At present wireless transmission is very good, as long as you use a headphone, but when you want to talk to a large audience intonation is very bad. I have no doubt it will be improved; in fact, I have ideas of improving it myself."

Asked if he could indicate the nature of his contemplated improvement, Sir Oliver said that he would rather not discuss it at present, and added—"I have written to a certain firm about it, and I must leave it at that."

He expressed the opinion that wireless telephony between, for instance, England and America, would be improved.

Reverting to transmission, Sir Oliver said—"There is another thing that wants getting over, and that is the interference of one amateur with another by what are called reactants. Each amateur thinks it necessary to strengthen his signals by reacting on his aerial, thereby making every aerial a sender, and these areials are a great nuisance to other amateurs in the neighbourhood, because they are tuned up to the right tune, and therefore cannot be tuned out.

"There are many devices for tuning out aerials by a different wave length, but when they are reacting they cannot be tuned out. These reactants ought to be avoided, and that is one of the things that should be done."

One of the earliest developments, he thinks, will be wireless control of things within sight—ships or aeroplanes.

"The problem of seeing by wireless—that is, of an audience in one room seeing something which is happening at the moment in another place—is more difficult. A good many people are working at it, but I do not see how to do it. Most of the devices depend upon what may be called a mosaic—that is to say, signalling the position of spots, and with those spots making a pattern. In that way you could transmit the likeness of a face.

He likened the device to the preparation of a newspaper illustration, and pointed out that if one signalled by wireless the position of a sufficient number of spots one got a reproduction. "But," he added, "I do not call that seeing. I do not know what people have got up their sleeves. I am not working on that. I should think seeing arrangements will arrive some day, but I do not know how soon—not next year, I think."

ANOTHER TREATY.

FRANCE AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

PARIS, Thursday.

A treaty between France and Czecho-Slovakia has been drafted, and will probably be signed in Paris in the middle of January. It is understood that the treaty provides for close collaboration between the two countries in political, economic, and military spheres.

The negotiations for the treaty were begun during President Mosaryk's visit to Paris in October, and were continued in the last week by Dr. Benes, who remained in Paris after the conclusion of the League Council's meeting for that purpose. Dr. Benes returned to Prague to-day to submit the draft to the Czecho-Slovakian Government for approval.

The *Temps*, which describes the treaty as "somewhat of a novelty," constituting a "complete philosophy of European politics," indicates its four main underlying principles—

(1) Maintenance of the new *status* of Europe created by Peace Treaties.

(2) The development of a policy of peace. (This, says the *Temps*, involves defensive agreements, as authorised by Article 21 of League Covenant.)

(3) Respect for all international agreements, and, *a fortiori*, for the League of Nations which consecrates them.

(4) Co-operation towards the economic reconstruction of Europe.

According to the *Temps*, the treaty defines the contracting parties' attitude towards Germany, Austria, and Hungary, stipulating for joint efforts to prevent the restoration of the Hohenzollerns to Germany and the Hapsburgs to Austria, and to uphold the inalienability of Austria's independence. There will be no secret Military Convention, but the two General Staffs will combine in contact. The Treaty provides that the contracting parties shall submit their mutual differences which cannot be solved by diplomatic means to arbitration.

The *Temps* adds that the treaty will probably be published on the day of its signature.—(Reuter.)

EMPLOYMENT IN CANADA.

EXAGGERATED STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, Thursday.

The City Council to-day passed a resolution drawing the attention of the Dominion Government to a statement alleged to have been made by a Canadian Overseas immigration agent, exaggerating the present opportunities of employment in Canada, and requesting the Government to formulate more stringent immigration regulations at the time of seasonal urban unemployment in Canada.

Alderman Lawrence, representing the ward in the city where there is now most unemployment, said that any responsible official who will tell a public gathering in England that work is going to waste in Canada at the present time, is telling lies. It is time that this sort of thing was prevented.

NATIONAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Last exam., Nov., 1923. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. J. Bryan, H. P. Cullen, R. G. Curran, J. Doody, M. G. Doyle, P. A. Dunne, M. Grealy, H. J. Horneck, M. V. Johnston, M. H. McCarthy, P. J. McHale, E. J. Miliffe, J. G. Murphy, J. A. O'Callaghan, J. O'Connor. 15 of the 17 Students sent forward were successful. BEST RESULT. Classes resume work on 31st inst.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

KILLED BY MOTOR CAR.—A man named Louis Burke was knocked down and killed by a motor car in Rathfarnham village on St. Stephen's Day.

DIED IN THE STREET.—Patrick Madden, a labourer, aged 60, collapsed on leaving an eating house in Lombard street, Dublin, on St. Stephen's Day, and when admitted to Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital was dead.

PRESENTATION.—Having retired from the service of the London and North-Western (now the London, Midland and Scottish) Railway and Steamship Co., after 48 years' service, Chief Invoice Clerk Peter Byrne has been made the recipient of a presentation from his late colleagues at the North Wall.

ASSAULTED HIS MOTHER.—Mr. Cooper, K.C., in the Northern Police Court, Dublin, yesterday bound Thomas Kearney, of 6 New street, to keep the peace for two years for assaulting his mother by striking her with his fist and kicking her.

WORK AT THE PORT.—After the holidays the Port of Dublin took off its coat again yesterday morning, and resumed work at both cross-Channel and foreign shipping. Two steamship companies ran three sailings and one a double sailing from the Liffey—the British and Irish Company despatching the ss. Lady Brussels to Preston, the Lady Louth to Liverpool and Birkenhead, and the Lady Kildare to Manchester; while the London, Midland and Scottish Company ran three steamers to Holyhead, the Burns-Laird Line having outward vessels to Greenock-Glasgow and Heysham.

BOYS CHARGED WITH THEFT.—Five boys, named John Bradley, John Roberts, Peter Murphy, Charles Kelly, and Patrick Dunne, appeared on remand, before Mr. Cooper, K.C., in the Northern Police Court, Dublin, yesterday, charged with stealing cigarettes, tobacco, and confectionery from a shop in Poolbeg street. Bradley, Roberts, and Murphy were further charged with stealing a gold-faced watch, a gold albert and locket, and a silver watch from a cabin in the ss. Lord Antrim, which was in the Alexandra Basin on the 18th inst. The three last-named boys admitted the theft from the ship, and all the prisoners were further remanded.

PUBLICAN'S WINDOWS BROKEN.—In the Northern Police Court, Dublin, yesterday, before Mr. Cooper, K.C., a woman named Mary Stapleton, of 89 Lower Gloucester street, was sent for trial charged with having broken three plate glass windows, value £23, in Mr. Patrick Clear's public-house, 11 Corporation street, on Wednesday night. It was stated that she was refused admission, and then threw bricks through the windows. The accused woman said that she was thrown out into the mud, picked up, and thrown down again.

STREET ACCIDENTS.—Austin Evans, "Silveracre," Howth road, who was charged on remand, in the Northern Police Court, Dublin, yesterday, with causing the death of Elizabeth Rogers, aged 7 years, of 142 Upper Abbey street, by knocking her down with a motor car on the 20th inst., was discharged by Mr. Cooper, K.C., who said that he could not discover any evidence of criminal negligence. Mr. Cooper also discharged Patrick Watts (23), labourer, of Storey's Villa, Taylor's lane, who was charged with carelessness and negligence in the management of a horse and cart, as the result of which an old woman named Margaret Kelly was knocked down and had two ribs fractured.

YACHTING PRIZE STOLEN.—A silver cup, valued at £15, which is said to have been presented by the Marquis of Aberdeen as a yachting prize, was stolen from the house of Mr. Seale, Lisanode, Sandycove. Henry McCabe was charged by Constable John Hayes (103 F) with stealing the cup, and also with stealing an overcoat from the Blue Bird Tea Rooms, Kingstown. McCabe pleaded guilty to both charges. He said he was mad drunk, and it would never occur again. Mr. Collins, the magistrate, sentenced him to four months' imprisonment.

DUBLIN SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Ships' officers, sailors, firemen, stewardesses, and stewards were the guests of the Dublin Seamen's Institute, Eden quay, on Christmas Day. Divine Service was held in the R.M.S. Leinster Memorial Church at 5.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. one hundred men were entertained to dinner. At 7.30 p.m. a concert was given, which had been arranged by Mrs. Phipps. About 150 men were present, and the programme was much appreciated, especially the singing of twenty of the Welsh sailors, and led by Miss Williams. A hearty vote of thanks was passed by the guests. The Committee desire to thank those kind friends who contributed money and goods.

RETIREMENT OF MR. C. A. PIM.—The many friends of Mr. C. A. Pim, who has been Regional Director of the Ministry of Pensions, Ireland (South) Region, since June, 1919, will hear with regret that he is retiring from this position at the end of the present year. Prior to his appointment as Regional Director, Mr. Pim filled the position of Superintending Inspector of the Ministry of Pensions in the three Southern provinces of Ireland for a considerable time, and his work in connection with ex-Service men during the great war brought him into close touch with all organisations rendering assistance to the disabled men of the South of Ireland. At a meeting of the heads of the various branches of the Ministry, held on the evening of the 21st inst., Mr. Pim was the recipient of a presentation. A resolution of appreciation of his great services was passed unanimously.

LEINSTER.

MOTOR CAR LIGHTS.—A motor car owner when prosecuted in Tullamore for not having a tail light on his motor car, said it was impossible to keep tail lights going on King's County roads owing to their bad condition and the shaking that the cars got.

TWO SUDDEN DEATHS.—A workman named Dillon, of Ballyroe, Churchtown, Athy, fell dead as he was entering his own home. An inquest was not considered necessary. A Ballitore man died while on his way to Mass on Christmas morning. No inquest was held.

ROAD WORKERS' WAGES.—A demand was made by the Executive of the King's County Farmers' Association that the wages of the road workers in the county be cut down to the same level as the farm labourers—26s. a week.

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.—Mrs. McCabe, of Sidebrook, Co. Westmeath, who was 90 years of age, was fatally burned at her home on Christmas Eve. While she was alone in the house her clothing caught fire, and she was so badly burned that she died in a short time.

THE EXECUTION OF RATE WARRANTS.—When a rate collector, at the Tullamore Court, obtained decrees for rates, he appealed that the Civic Guard should execute the warrants. The District Justice said that it was not fair to expect the Civic Guard to do that duty, but the rate collector said that he had tried, and could get no one who would do it.

FARMERS AND THE ROADS.—Criticism of the state of the roads in King's County was very pointed at the meeting of the King's County Executive of the Farmers' Union. Increased road expenditure was being met by the ratepayers, while the roads were going from bad to worse. It was decided that the Local Government Department be asked to sanction no further increase in road expenditure.

LOAN FUND SUMMONSES.—Arising out of cases before Tullamore District Court, in which the Tullamore Loan Fund Society sued a large number of people for amounts borrowed and not re-paid, Mr. Brennan, solicitor for the Society, said that though the Society was long years in existence this was the first time that it was necessary to bring parties into Court, but he attributed it to the troubled times. Since the summonses were issued all the cases, except four or five, had been settled, a circumstance which the Justice (Mr. O'Donoghue) described as satisfactory.

MUNSTER.

SEALS IN THE RIVER BANDON.—Seals were observed in the tidal waters of the River Bandon, in the vicinity of Kinsale, during Christmas week.

COURSING CLUB IN CLARE.—Mr. T. A. Gardiner, a well-known Clare athlete, presided at a meeting held in Liscannor for the purpose of establishing a coursing club. The Rev. Father Concannon, C.C., Liscannor, was unanimously appointed President of the club, Messrs. John Sexton, T. A. Gardiner and John Clair, Vice-Presidents, and Mr. William Leahy, hon. secretary.

INFORMATIONS REFUSED. — At the Kildysart District Sessions Court, Patrick O'Shea was charged with firing at Volunteer Michael Keane on 18th November. Keane did not appear, and Superintendent Cronin asked District Justice Gleeson to refuse informations. The Justice did so.

HELP FOR LIMERICK POOR.—Mrs. Lloyd, Beechmount, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick, has sent to Monsignor O'Donnell, P.P., the sum of £18 for distribution amongst the poor of the town, thus continuing the donation regularly given every Christmas by the late Major-General Lloyd.

POSSESSION OF POTEEN. — Superintendent McManus, Civic Guard, prosecuted Mrs. Anne Daly, of Drimoleague, at the Drimoleague District Court, for having in her possession or custody one pint of illicitly distilled spirits. District Justice Crotty said the defendant was charged under the Public Safety Act, and he was entitled to give her twelve months' imprisonment, in addition to a fine of £100. He imposed a fine of £10.

INCOME TAX SEIZURE.—The Collector of Income Tax visited Charleville district on Saturday last and seized six head of cattle, the property of a farmer, for four years' income tax, amounting to £56. The cattle were impounded, but subsequently the farmer paid the amount, with costs.

A SPEAKING DOLL.—During the sorting of the Christmas parcels at the Tipperary Post Office consternation was created amongst the female members of the staff when the sound of a shrill voice was heard from inside one of the parcels saying, "Go away," "Go away." The voice caused a momentary stampede of those in the immediate vicinity. It transpired that the parcel contained a speaking doll, and that the parcel getting crushed caused the doll to "speak."

CLARE'S BEAUTY SPOTS.—Writing to the *Clare Champion*, Mr. Patrick Hogan, T.D. (Clare), says the Postmaster-General has intimated that about 50,000 Americans are likely to visit this country next year. "It is not likely," he states, "that all these will confine their visit to Dublin, and perhaps it is not now too early to make preparations to induce a fair percentage of them to visit Clare. There are beauty spots in the county of which little is known."

ULSTER.

PIGS IN DWELLINGHOUSES.—At the Milford District Court, before Mr. Louis J. Walsh, Patrick Sweeney, sanitary sub-officer, summoned three men, under the Public Health Act, for insanitary houses and permitting pigs and other animals to be kept in houses used for human habitation. The cases were adjourned for a month to enable the parties to put their dwellings in a sanitary condition.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S TURNOVER.—At the annual meeting of Cloverhill Co-operative Agricultural Society, Drum, Co. Monaghan, the report showed that the sales for the year realised £3,005 0s. 10d., showing a gross trading profit of £574 11s. 5d. Deducting expenses, the net trade profit amounted to £218 3s. 5d.

CLONES MARKET PRICES.—At the Clones fair and market yesterday pork realised 75s. per cwt., butter 1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d. per lb., eggs 2s. 3d. per dozen, potatoes 1s. per stone; hay, meadow, 2s. 3d. to 3s. per cwt., upland ditto 3s. to 4s. per cwt.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN DUNDALK.—It is estimated that at present more than one thousand people are without work in Dundalk. For several months past trade has been very bad, and this, coupled with strikes in almost every one of the industries in the town, caused unprecedented unemployment. There is much want among the working classes, many of whom have long ceased to receive the unemployment benefit. It is definitely announced that the Dundalk Distillery, which closed last April on the coming into force of the border tax, will re-open early in January. This will absorb more than 300 men, who had been receiving unemployment pay, and whose benefit at the Labour Exchange had been almost exhausted. Roughly £500 is paid out per week at the Employment Exchange.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

NEW COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.—Mr. John Ross, managing clerk to Messrs. Gage and Roper, solicitors, Draperstown, has been appointed a Commissioner for Oaths at Draperstown for the County of Londonderry.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR.—James Clarke, Somerton road, Belfast, was fined 40s. at the Belfast Custody Court yesterday by a majority of the magistrates for having been drunk in charge of a motor car on the previous night.

ACCIDENT IN A MILL.—R. J. Cunningham, aged 30, of Emerson street, Belfast, fell in the mill of Messrs. J. and T. Greeves, Ltd., Conway street, and broke his leg. He was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA ORDER.—There was a large gathering of members of the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta in Newtownards on Christmas Day, when Companions from Belfast, Lisburn, Donaghadee and Carrowdore joined with the local encampments at a special Service held in the Methodist church.

LISBURN CATHEDRAL VACANCY.—Yesterday a meeting of the diocesan and parochial nominators took place in the Clarence place Hall, Belfast, to consider the appointment of a successor in the rectorship of Lisburn Cathedral. The meeting adjourned until a future date, when the matter will be again under discussion.

BELFAST TIMBER IMPORTS.—481,361 cubic feet of timber were imported into Belfast during 1923, compared with 351,123 in the previous year. In 1911 the total was 1,210,518 cubic feet.

PUBLIC-HOUSE ROBBED.—The licensed premises of Mr. R. J. Forster, Brookeborough, were broken into on Christmas Day, and twenty pint bottles of whiskey, value for £12, with some tobacco, were removed. A box containing about £5 in silver was untouched.

BELFAST MOTOR ACCIDENT.—A telephone wire man named R. J. Moore, aged 40 years, of Canning street place, was knocked down by a motor car when crossing McAdam street, Belfast, and died while being removed in the ambulance to the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital.

STRANGE TRAM ACCIDENT.—A Belfast tramcar was rounding the sharp corner at Waring street and Donegall street, when the trolley pole slipped off the wire and the wheel was flung with great force through the window of an office. The crash of glass caused some excitement, but no person was injured.

WORKING AN UNFIT HORSE.—A fine of £3 was imposed upon Robert Sloan, Townsend street, Belfast, for cruelty to a horse by allowing the animal to be worked while in an unfit condition. It was stated for the defence that it was the first day that the horse had been out after a month's rest.

MIDNIGHT RAID ON A FARM.—A raid was made upon an elderly farmer named Kingham, who resides near Ballynahinch. It appears that two men entered by the window, and going into his bedroom demanded money. He got out of bed and searched about in the dark for his purse, which contained only a few shillings, and handed it to the men, who then left.

"UP, THE REBELS."—William Donnan, Seaforde street East, Belfast, was fined 40s. and costs in the Belfast Police Court yesterday for shouting "Up, the rebels." A police constable suggested that the defendant was "the captain of the bad boys about Seaforde street." The mother of the defendant said that the policeman was making a mistake and had caught the wrong man. The records showed that Donnan was prosecuted twenty times, four of the charges being for riotous behaviour.

THE SPEED OF A MOTOR CAR.—At the Derry Petty Sessions on Monday, Albert Hastings, son of Mr. John R. Hastings, D.L., was fined £5 for recklessly driving a motor car in the city. The police evidence was that he was going at the rate of twenty miles an hour in a crowded thoroughfare and that he knocked a man down. The defendant said that his car was on second gear, and he could not be travelling at more than seven miles an hour.

AGED FARMER'S DEATH.—James Larkin, a small farmer, aged 60, of Aghyogill, met with a shocking death near Kilkeel. As he was descending a hill near Mourne Park, a motor lorry, belonging to Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Quinn, of Annalong, came up, and Larkin was thrown against a wall. He fell beneath the heavy vehicle, and died in a few hours. The jury at the inquest exonerated the driver of the lorry from all blame.

EARTH TREMOR IN DEVONSHIRE

What is believed to have been a slight earthquake shock was experienced over an area of fifteen to twenty miles in South Devonshire on Christmas night, when in half-a-dozen small towns and villages there was a tremor, which shook houses and set crockery and glass rattling. No damage was done, but some people were so alarmed that they left their houses.

STAMPING OUT CATTLE DISEASE.—A Reuter's telegram from Melbourne on Thursday states that the area affected by rinderpest is to be completely isolated for a year. This measure will necessitate the dairymen vacating their holdings.

"A LAMB ON WALL STREET."

A MILLION MADE BY CABLED TIPS.

AN INVESTIGATION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Wall street has rubbed its eyes in amazement at the achievement of young Lieutenant Osborne Wood, 10,000 miles away, "beating their game."

The financial district is talking of nothing else to-day, and the question on everyone's lips is: "Where did he get his tips?" The question is answered by the proprietor of a small financial bureau in the city, who states that Lieutenant Wood paid him 500 dollars monthly for nightly cable advices.

Following the publication of the story of Major-General Wood, Governor of the Philippines, of how his son, who has been acting as the General's *aide* in the Islands, won a fortune (estimated at nearly a million dollars) through speculating on Wall street from the far-away Philippine Islands, it is now revealed here that the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Weeks, himself advised the twenty-six year old officer to stop his speculations, because it was unwise, even though legitimate.

According to the financial bureau referred to, Lieutenant Wood made his first clean up on Standard Oilcake stock. He played both long and short (according to the tips cabled to him from Wall street) with numerous stocks later, sometimes having more than 35,000 shares on margin.

He dabbled in Baldwin's California Petroleum, United States Steel Common, Bethlehem Steel, Studebaker, American and many others.

A Washington message states that while Lieutenant Wood says that he will retire from the United States Army, it is probable that the already proposed inquiry into General Wood's conduct in Philippine affairs will be enlarged to embrace speculations by American Army officers, in the aim to determine whether such transactions involved Philippine affairs.

Lieutenant Wood insists, however, that all his dabbling was concerned solely with American stocks.

COTTON-GROWING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

£45 TO £70 PER ACRE PROFIT.

SYDNEY (By Mail).

Instances of the encouraging returns from cotton-growing in New South Wales have lately been provided by growers in the Upper Clarence River district, in the north-eastern part of the State. One crop gave a net return of £45 per acre, despite the fact that it was grown under adverse conditions and without any previous experience on the part of the grower. The excellent quality of the cotton gathered from this crop is shown by the fact that a sample secured the first prize of £35 and a handsome silver Cup, at a Cotton Show, held in Sydney. The whole crop, which covered an area of four acres, was cultivated and harvested by the farmer and his two young sons. Another small trial plot on the North Coast provided its owner with a net return of £70 an acre, notwithstanding that the season did not favour a maximum growth.

These and similar results in other favourable parts of New South Wales have demonstrated the value of cotton-growing in conjunction with dairying, pig-raising and mixed farming, and have served to create widespread interest in the new industry.

That the production of the raw product on an extensive scale will lead to the establishment of allied secondary industries, is shown by the enterprise of Mr. G. A. Bond, of Sydney, who has in the course of erection a cotton-spinning mill, at Wentworthville. Twelve thousand spindles have already been installed, and that number will probably be doubled within twelve months. It is the intention of the firm to use the whole of the yarn produced at its own hosiery and underwear mills. A number of skilled operatives who were brought out from England to form the nucleus of a staff describe the Australian-grown cotton as excellent, and predict a big future for both the primary and secondary development of the industry.—(Reuter.)

BULGARIAN POLITICS.

REPORTED COMMUNIST SPLIT.

SOFIA, Thursday.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party has expelled M. Sakaroff from the Party, and has called upon him to resign his position as deputy, on account of the speech which he made three days ago in the Sobranye, denying the association of the Bulgarian Communist Party with the Third International, which the Committee consider an act of treason to the Communist cause. The Party does not deny having taken part in the Bulgarian Communist rising last September. This declaration, on the part of the Committee, as well as the constitution of the Parliamentary Communist group as an independent Labour group, has resulted in a definite split in the ranks of the Communist Party.—(Reuter.)

FRENCH BUDGET

PASSED BY BOTH CHAMBERS.

PARIS, Thursday.

The general Budget for 1924, as distinguished from the special Budget for reconstruction of the devastated regions, the cost of which is recoverable from Germany, has now passed both Chambers. It will be recalled that, in order to avoid a recurrence of the delays which "held up" the voting on the 1923 Budget until July, 1923, it was decided last session, as an exceptional measure, to extend the provisions of the 1923 Budget to 1924.

The expenditure side of the Budget, excepting certain items now also voted, was *ipso facto* passed by this decision. It was agreed that the revenue side should be treated in a separate bill, to be drafted in the present session.

The Chamber and Senate to-day voted this bill, which authorises the collection of taxes in 1924.—(Reuter.)

A VEGETARIAN WIFE.

HUSBAND SUES FOR DIVORCE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday.

Vegetarianism may be the cause of at least one divorce. William Pian, a salesman, living at the Melbourne Hotel here, likes plenty of meat, but his wife is a vegetarian, and refused both to cook meat for him or allow him to eat already cooked meat. They were married on February 22, 1917, and Pian missed his accustomed meat so much that they were separated on March 31, 1917, over the compulsory universality of vegetarianism in the household.

Pian entered the Army and stayed until the end of the war. Since then he has tried to effect a reconciliation, but Mrs. Pian still believes that she cannot be happy with a man who likes beefsteak. Pian has filed a suit for divorce.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks and Shares	Closing Price Thur.	
70½	Abitibi Power & Paper Co. Ltd	63	—
33½	Asbestos Corp. of Canada Ltd	20	—
67½	Do Preferred	60½	—
48	Brazilian T.L. & P. Co., Ltd..	41⅞	—
4½	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd	4	—
64	Do 1st Preference	57	—
18½	Do 2nd Preference	14½	—
45½	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd	40⅞	—
64	Canada Cement Co., Ltd..	83	—
121	Canadian Cottons Co. Ltd.	108½	—
12½	Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd	11	—
[illegible]	Do Preferred	40	—
33½	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada Ltd.	30	—
[illegible]	Dominion Textile Co. Ltd..	63	—
102	Laurentide Co. Ltd.	81½	—
148	Montreal L. H. & P. Cons.	143	—
[illegible]	National Breweries, Ltd.	50	—
[illegible]	Price Bros and Co., Ltd.	40	—
135	Shawinigan Water & Power Co	119	—
112	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd	101½	—
112	Do. Preferred	107½	—
80	Steel Co. of Canada Ltd..	76	—

U.S. MARKETS.

IRREGULAR CLOSING OF STOCKS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Stocks opened irregular. Some representative shares rose to new high levels, but all descriptions weakened subsequently under extensive realising, bear selling, and the higher call money rates. In the late dealings, however, buying of low-priced oils caused irregularity, and the market closed irregular. Government Bonds easy. Railroad Bonds easy. The day's sales totalled 1,260,000 shares. Money on call strong, closing at 6 per cent. bid and 6½ per cent. asked. Actual loans were from 5 per cent. to 6 per cent., the ruling rate being 5 per cent. and last loan 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm. Silver ⅛c. down for foreign mined at 64⅛c. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 4¾ per cent. to 5 per cent.

Railroad earnings for the month of November:—

Pennsylvania, gross $56,114,000; decrease $3,296,000.

Reading, gross $7,937,000; decrease $585,000.

Baltimore and Ohio, gross $20,057,000; increase $212,000.

New York Central, gross $32,244,000; decrease $4,416,000.

Northern Pacific, gross $10,002,000; increase $568,000.

Lehigh Valley, gross $6,723,000; increase $1,121,000.

New York Ontario and Western, gross $1,096,000; increase $60,000.

Canadian Pacific and Utah Copper advanced 1; New York Central, American Smelting and Refining Common and Shell Ordinary, ⅞; Chesapeake and Ohio Common and Royal Dutch Petroleum declined 1¼; Great Northern Ore Certificates, 1⅛; Lehigh Valley Shares, Southern Railway Preferred, Union Pacific Preferred, Pan American Petroleum Ordinary, and Shell Union Oil Corporation, ⅞; Norfolk Common, Reading First Preferred, Union Pacific Common, Wabash Preferred, New York Consolidated Gas, and International Mercantile Marine Preferred, ⅝; Reading Common, ⅞; Southern Pacific, 1; Texas and Pacific, ⅞; General Electric, 3; and National Lead, 2¼.

Erie General Lien Bonds declined ⅜; Missouri Kansas Prior Lien Bonds, ⅞; Missouri Kansas Adjustment Bonds, ¼; and United States Steel Second Mortgage Bonds, ⅛.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Wed.	Thur.	Business Done H.	L.
117½	Funded	102⅝	102⅝	—	—
116½	Atch., Top., Santa Fe..	98	98⅛	—	—
101½	Do. Preference	85	85	—	—
6	Baltimore and Ohio	58⅝	58⅜	—	—
148	Canadian Pacific	148¼	149¼	—	—
79	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	70	69¾	—	—
14½	Chic. Mil. & St. Paul..	13½	13	—	—
55	Chicago and N.-West	48	48	—	—
34	Erie 1st Preferred	29¾	29¾	—	—
62	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	54¾	54	—	—
60	Great Northern Pref.	55½	52¾	—	—
115	Illinois Central	101¼	100¼	—	—
68	Lehigh Valley	64½	59½	—	—
106	Louisville & Nashville	88	87¾	—	—
11½	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	11½	11	—	—
74	Do. New 4% Bonds	65⅛	64⅞	—	—
81	Do. Adj. 5% Bonds	52¾	51⅜	—	—
10½	Missouri Pacific New	9¾	9⅝	—	—
4	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3	3½	—	—
1½	Do. 2nd Pref.	1¾	1⅛	—	—
115	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R.	103⅜	104⅜	—	—
116	Norfolk & West Com.	102⅝	101⅜	—	—
85	Northern Pacific Com.	61½	61½	—	—
17	Ontario and Western	15⅛	15⅛	—	—
47½	Pennsylvania Shares	41⅜	41⅝	—	—
85	Reading Shares	76⅝	77⅜	—	—
60	Do. 1st Preferred	52¾	53	—	—
100	Do. 4% Mort. Bonds	86½	87	—	—
42	Southern Railway	36⅞	37	—	—
95	Southern Pacific	88¾	88	—	—
21	Texas and Pacific	18½	18⅞	—	—
145	Union Pacific	127	128⅜	—	—
81	Do. Pref.	71¾	70½	—	—
103	Do. 4% Bonds	90¼	90⅛	—	—
12	Wabash Common	10⅜	10⅜	—	—
39	Do. Preferred A	33⅞	34	—	—
32	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	57⅛	58⅜	—	—
38	Anaconda Copper	36¼	38⅜	—	—
41	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	21	21	—	—
24	N.Y. Cons. Gas	60⅝	60⅞	—	—
19	General Electric	194¼	193	—	—
22	U.S. Steel Common	98	97⅝	—	—
117	Do. 1st Preferred	119¼	119⅛	—	—
137	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	102⅝	102⅝	—	—
117	Silver (Foreign Mined)	64¼	64⅜	—	—
7	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	6⅞	6⅞	—	—
33	Do. Prefd. Certs	29⅜	29⅜	—	—
56	Royal Dutch Oil	47⅛	48	—	—
37	Shell Trans-	32¾	32¾	—	—
72	Pan-American Pet.	62½	62⅞	—	—
18	Anglo-American Oil	15½	15½	—	—
16	General Motors	14⅞	14⅞	—	—
43	U.S. Rubber	36¾	37⅝	—	—

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex Bonus. §Ex rights.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Call Money	5b. 5¼a.	5b. 6¼a.
Ex. on Ln. 60 days st.	4.31.62½	4.31.87½
Ex. on Ln. Demand Bills	4.34.37½	4.34.62½
Cable Transfers	4.34.62½	4.34.87½
Ex. on Paris	5.44	5.11¼
Cotton Mid. Upland	35.35	37.10
Do. New Orleans, Mid.	35.00	36.00
Cottonseed Oil Pr. Sum. Yellow Spot	11.02	10.80
Col. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.	10.90	10.80
Petro. Refined, in cases	17.15	17.15
Do. Standard White	14.00	14.00
Do. Philad. Stan. do.	14.00	14.00
Do. Pennsyl. Crude	3.35	3.10
Spirits of Turpentine	93	92¼
Do. Savannah	Holiday.	85¾—86
Resin, Grade K	4.35	4.37½
Do. Grade F	4.75	4.75
Lard, Prime West. stm	13.60	13.02½
Do. Midland West	13.25—13.45	13.20—13.3
Tallow, Extra	8½	8⅝
Sugar, New Cuban	Holiday.	7.22
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.	86	87¾
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Wtr.	119⅞	122
Do. No. 2 Red Winter	119⅝	121⅛
Do. No. 2 Mix. Drm.	108⅜	110
Coffee, Rio No. 7	10½	10⅝
Flour Spring Clears	5.00—5.50	5.00—5.50
Iron, No. 2 Nor. Fdry.	22.50—23.0	22.50—23.00
Tin, Straits	47.25	47.25
Zinc, East St. Louis	6.35	6.37½
Electrolytic Cop. Spot	12⅝—13⅛	12⅞—13⅛
Do. do. Futures	13⅛—13⅝	12⅞—13⅛
Freight, Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel	2/3—3/3	2/6—3/0
Freight, Heavy Grain to Continent, per bushel	16	16
Freight, Cont. to L'pool (High density)	25	25
Do. Stand. (per 100lb.)	30	30

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

WHEAT.—Spot market irregular, ½c. down to 1c. up. Exporters engaged 15 boatloads of wheat. Bradstreet's report on the visible supply shows an increase of 6,889,000 bushels on the week. Receipts—Atlantic, 451,000; last year, 1,154,000. Clearances, 402,000; last year, 1,276,000.

FLOUR barely steady.

CORN on spot steady and ½c. up. Exporters took 20 boatloads of corn. According to Bradstreet's statement the visible supply east of the Rockies increased 1,574,000 bushels on the week. Receipts—Atlantic, 64,000; last year, 265,000. Clearances, 29,000; last year, 210,000.

LARD—Cash market dull, 7½ to 5 points down.

COFFEE opened steady at 2 to 10 points advance, and kept up for a while, owing to improved Brazilian markets and buying by New Orleans interests and importers. Partial recessions took place later under realising, but the market closed steady and 9 to 11 points up. Spot firm and ⅛c. dearer. Approximate sales, 32,000 bags. December, unquoted; March, 9.78; May, 9.13; July, 8.94; September, 8.74; November, 8.65.

RUBBER steady and unchanged to ⅛c. down. First latex crepe, 27½; smoked ribbed sheets, 26½.

SUGAR easy. Centrifugal Cuban 19 cheaper. Porto Rico, 7.03. Futures easy, 11 to 4 points down. Approximate future sales, 13,000 tons. January, 5.28; March, 4.84; May, 4.69; July, 4.78. 14,000 bags of Cuban were sold yesterday at 7.28 for shipment first half of January, and 5,000 bags at 7.22 for shipment during next month. To-day's sugar sales:—5,000 bags of Cuban at 7.22, for shipment during the first half of January, and 15,000 bags of Porto Rico at 7.03 for January shipment.

COTTON opened steady, 13 to 29 points higher. Values advanced on firm cable advices, the improved spot situation, reports that Southern spinners were bidding more freely, firm sterling exchange rates, and buying by foreign interests. Subsequently the market reacted under realising, Southern selling, the disappointing attitude of spinners, and bear pressure, and closed easy at 25 to 3 points loss. Spot quiet and 25 points lower. New Orleans spot 25 points up. Receipts—Atlantic, 8,000; Gulf, 39,000. Exports—Britain, 6,000; Continent, 12,000; Japan, 3,000. Futures in last 20 seconds of trading:—December, lowest unquoted, highest unquoted; January 35.51, 35.72; February 35.72, 35.72; March 35.93, 36.96; April 36.00, 36.00; May 36.06, 36.12; June 35.65, 35.65; July 35.18, 35.25; August 32.30, 32.30; September 29.95, 29.95; October 29.17, 29.20; November 28.80, 28.80. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 36.01, highest 36.04; May 35.76, 35.82.

COTTON OIL easy.

PETROLEUM steady.

KANSAS CITY.—Wheat firm and 2c. dearer. No. 2 hard winter, 109.

ST. LOUIS.—Wheat firm, 1½c. up. No. 2 red winter 111½.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Wheat easy and ⅛c. lower. No. 1 Northern spring 110.

WINNIPEG.—Wheat opened barely steady, ⅛c. down, but closed steady, ⅛c. up to unchanged. May, 97⅞; July, 99⅛. Oats steady at ⅛c. rise. May, 40⅞.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

WHEAT opened barely steady at ⅛c. fall, and went lower under large stocks, a disappointing export inquiry, bearish cables, commission house selling for North-West account, and liquidation, but eventually rallied on small country offerings and receipts and covering. The market closed barely steady at 1⅛c. to ⅝c. decline. Spot dull. No. 2 hard winter spot nominal; No. 3 hard winter spot nominal. December, 100⅞; May, 106⅛; July, 105⅜.

CORN opened steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. up, and went higher owing to small stocks, unfavourable weather, light country offerings, the stronger cash position, and covering; then gave way on large receipts, a slow cash demand, and sales to realise. The market closed steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. gain. Spot No. 2 mixed, 81⅛. December, 69⅞; May, 73⅞; July, 74⅜.

OATS irregular, ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up. December, 41⅞; May, 44⅞; July, 40⅞.

PROVISIONS opened easy, and fell further on a lower hog market, heavy receipts, inadequate cash trading, packers selling moderately, traders unloading, and light liquidation. The market closed quiet, with lard 22½ to 12½ points, and ribs 12½ to 2½ points down. Pork unquoted. Lard—January, 11.95; March, 12.02½; May, 12.05. Ribs—January, 9.42½; May, 9.65.

BACON steady and unchanged. Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st, total 7,313,000, against 5,995,000 same season last year.

HOGS easy, 20 to 15 points cheaper.

	Bacon, 60lbs. average.	169 to 280 lbs.		240 to 320 lbs.	
To-day	9.75	6.60	7.00	6.95	7.20

MARKETS.

ULAR CLOSING STOCKS.

ER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

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Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices		Business Done.		
	Wed.	Thur.	M.	T.	
r, Santa Fe...	102¾	102¾			
ference	98	98¼			
and Ohio	58¾	58¾			
Pacific	148¾	149¾			
e Ohio Com..	70	69¾			
& St. Paul..	11⅝	12			
nd N.-West .	48	48			
Preferred	29½	29¾			
Gen. Lien Bds.	84¾	84			
thern Pref. ..	33½	32¾			
entral	101¾	100¾			
ilway	60¾	59¾			
& Nashville ...	88	87¾			
Kan. & Texas.	11¼	11			
w 4s Bonds ..	65¾	64¾			
5s Bonds	92¾	91¾			
Pacific New ..	9⅜	9⅛			
lexico 1st Pref.	3	2¾			
d Pref	13¾	13⅝			
& Hudson R.	103¾	104⅜			
West Com...	102½	101¾			
Pacific Com..	81¾	81⅜			
nd Western ..	18¾	18¾			
ain Shares	41⅜	41⅜			
Shares	76¾	77¼			
Preferred	52¾	53			
Mort Bonds..	85¾	87			
Railway	36½	37			
Pacific	83¾	86			
d Pacific	18¾	18⅝			
acific	127	128½			
ref.	71½	70½			
Bonds	90½	90¾			
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elt. Refin. Com.	37¾	38¾			
Copper	36½	36¾			
t. Tobacco	21	21			
k. Gas	60¾	60¾			
Electric	194¾	193			
d Common	98	97¾			
d Preferred ..	118¾	118¾			
d 5s Bonds ..	102¾	102¾			
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eld Certs	29¾	29			
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ans	32¾	32¾			
rican Pet.	83¾	82¾			
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k	4.35	4.27½
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Cuban	Holiday.	7.32
No. 2 Mix.	86	87½
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Red Winter	119¾	121¾
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per 100lb.)	30	30

RODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

pot market irregular, ½c. down to 1c. engaged 15 boatloads of wheat. eport on the visible supply shows an 889,000 bushels on the week. Re- 2, 451,000; last year, 1,154,000. 3,000; last year, 1,276,000. rly steady. pot steady and 1c. up. Exporters oads of corn. According to Brad- cent the visible supply east of the sed 1,674,000 bushels on the week. atic, 64,000; last year, 266,000. ,000; last year, 210,000. n market dull, 7½ to 5 points down. pened steady at 2 to 10 points 2d. pt up for a while, owing to improved kets and buying by New Orleans in- mporters. Partial recessions took uer realising, but the market closed to 11 points up. Spot firm and 1c. oximate sales, 35,000 bags. Decem- March, 9.78; May, 9.13; July, 8.84; 74; November, 8.65. steady and unchanged to 1c. down. epe, 27½; smoked ribbed sheets, 26½. sy. Centrifugal Cuban 19 cheaper. 7.03. Futures easy, 11 to 4 points oximate future sales, 15,000 tons. 3; March, 4.64; May, 4.69; July, bags of Cuban were sold yesterday shipment first half of January, and 7.22 for shipment during next month. sales:—5,000 bags of Cuban at 7.22, during the first half of January, and of Porto Rico at 7.03 for January

pened steady, 13 to 29 points higher. ed on firm cable advices, the improved reports that Southern spinners were freely, firm sterling exchange rates, y foreign interests. Subsequently the ed under realising, Southern selling, ting attitude of spinners, and bear closed easy at 25 to 6 points loss, d 25 points lower. New Orleans spot Receipts—Atlantic, 8,000; Gulf, xports—Britain, 6,000; Continent, n, 3,000. Futures in fair demand. December, lowest unquoted, highest un- ary 35.51, 35.72; February 35.72, 35.93, 35.96; April 36.00, 36.00; 36.12; June 35.65, 35.66; July 35.15, at 32.35, 32.50; September 29.96, er 29.17, 29.20; November 29.80, Orleans cotton futures in last minute March, lowest 36.01, highest 36.04; 35.82.

OIL, easy. UM steady. CITY.—Wheat firm and 2c. dearer. No. r, 109. S.—Wheat firm, 1½c. up. No. 2 red

OILS—Wheat easy and 2c. lower. No. pring 110. G.—Wheat opened barely steady, 1c. ered steady, 1c. up to unchanged. May, 99½. Oats steady at 1c. rise. May:

CHICAGO, Thursday.

opened barely steady at 1c. fall, and under large stocks, a disappointing ry; bearish cables, commission house North-West account, and liquidation. ly rallied on small country offerings s and covering. The market closed y at 1½c. to 2c. decline. Spot dull. winter spot nominal; No. 3 hard winter 1. December, 100½; May, 106½; July,

ened steady, 1c. to 2c. up, and went r to small stocks, unfavourable weather, y offerings, the stronger cash position, ; then gave way on large receipts, a demand, and sales to realise. The ed steady at 1c. to 2c. gain. Spot No. 1½. December, 66½; May, 73½; July,

egular, 2c. down to 1c. up. December, 44½; July, 49¾. ONS opened easy, and fell further on a narket, heavy receipts, inadequate cash ckers selling moderately, traders un- t light liquidation. The market closed lard 23½ to 12½ points, and ribs 13½ down. Pork unquoted. Lard—January, ch, 12.02½; May, 12.05. Ribs—Janu- May, 9.65. teady and unchanged. Receipts of hogs principal Western centres, including ice November 1st, total, 7,313,000, 5,000 same season last year. y, 80 to 15 points cheaper. Bacon. 160 to 280 240 to 320 ibs average. lbs. 9.70 6.80 7.00 6.85 7.00

WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

APPLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT GRANT.

A QUESTION OF WAGES.

At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, Alderman Alfred Byrne drew attention to a suggestion which he made a fortnight ago, that application should be made to the Government for a grant for work which would relieve unemployment.

The application, said Alderman Byrne, had been sent to the Finance Committee, and they postponed consideration of it. That was fourteen days ago, and he was anxious now to know whether the Finance Committee was going to make any effort to get the money from the Government to continue a reclamation of land scheme at Alexandra Basin. It seemed as if the Board had no desire to provide this work for the unemployed. No one took any serious notice of the Government's suggestion that they should get money for reclamation and productive work. The work which the Board could do would be of a most productive character, and reclamation of land would produce a large rateable property in the City of Dublin.

Senator Moran said that the reason why the Board did not see its way to go on with the matter was that the Government did not see its way to do so. The Government had money for road-making, and so forth, on the terms of a certain scale of wages which the men, apparently, were not prepared to accept. The Board recognised that at the present rate of wages it could not pay them. If Alderman Byrne could get the men to realise the position and accept a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, he would support the matter in every way possible.

Mr. William Field declared that it was the desire of the Board to give employment where possible. He was not aware of the difficulty put forward by Senator Moran.

Mr. Munden said that they should see if they could make an application for the grant on the Government conditions at the stipulated rate of wages. If the labour people did not accept that it would not be the fault of the Board, but their own.

The discussion then terminated.

ARIGNA COAL.

A letter was received from the Arigna Mining Company asking to be allowed to tender for a supply of coal to the Board.

The Board's Engineer (Mr. Mallagh) said that he was unable to say if this coal was suitable for marine boilers. He suggested that a couple of wagon-loads should be ordered to give it a trial.

The Engineer's suggestion was adopted.

A MAGISTRATE'S RULING.

Arising out of reports from the Police Superintendent in the case of a boy who was arrested for larceny, and was allowed out on probation on his father's bail, and in the cases of three men off the ss. Orlock Head who were arrested for larceny, and who were allowed out on their own bail,

The Chairman (Mr. David Barry) said that he protested strongly against the magistrate's decision in the cases. He was going to suggest that the Ministry of Home Affairs should be written to about the matter.

Mr. Paul said that he thought that there should be strong action taken by the Board. They should send their own solicitor to appear for the Board.

Mr. Barry—There is no use in sending a solicitor if the magistrate lets them off.

The discussion dropped.

DEVELOPMENT FUND.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

The report of the Development Commissioners for the year ended March last, issued yesterday in London, shows that the advances recommended during the year just exceeded £511,000, compared with £368,000 in the previous year. The increase was due to the fact that under the Corn Production Repeal Act a special grant of £850,000 was paid into the Development Fund, for agricultural development in England and Wales, by way of compensation to the agricultural community, for the discontinuance of the guarantee for corn growing.

The total advances recommended from the special fund were approximately £224,000, and from the ordinary fund £287,000. The greater part of the report deals with the Commission's work in connection with agriculture and rural industries.

THE ATOMIC THEORY.

WHAT RADIUM HAS SHOWN.

To an audience of youngsters, with their attendant grown-ups, Sir William Bragg, K.B.E., gave the first of this Christmas season's Faraday Lectures at the Royal Institution, London, yesterday afternoon. The lecture was all about the atoms of which things are made. Sir William was accompanied by mystifying apparatus, but before the lecture he had stated that he had no intention of producing by any experiment on atoms those violent results the terrors of which science hints at so alarmingly. Behind Sir William was a miniature billiard table, with several dozens of small balls on it. This was to illustrate the movement of atoms. Queer-looking contrivances with wires attached were on the table in front of him.

He began by telling how the wise old Roman poet, Lucretius, two thousand years ago, expounded an atomic theory. But Lucretius did not know, he added, that there are ninety kinds of atoms, of which, as far as modern knowledge goes, all things in the universe are made.

The lecturer then spoke of the forces of cohesion that draw the atoms together. If they acted continuously and without opposition they would draw the universe together into a rigid mass. Of recent years, proceeded Sir William, radium and X-Rays had given us a much better idea about the construction of atoms than we had before. Radium had shown us that atoms could be penetrated by other atoms approaching at sufficient speed. An atom was like a minute solar system with a central sun and surrounding planets.

What sometimes happens to a radium atom was explained by Sir William. It breaks up suddenly after behaving quite normally during an existence of one thousand years or so. A helium atom is expelled, which starts off at a speed of 100,000 miles a second. This helium atom would reach the moon in two seconds and a half if its progress were not impeded by other atoms. As it is, it can progress only a few inches through air.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL.

MR. BALDWIN "NOTES" THE LABOUR PROTEST.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., has received the following letter from the Prime Minister with reference to the plan to dispose of the Government holding in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company:—

"DEAR MR. MACDONALD,—I have received your letter of the 13th instant in regard to the rumours circulated as to the possibility of the Government selling the shares which it holds in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. I have noticed the views expressed on this subject by the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party.—Yours sincerely,

"STANLEY BALDWIN."

SECRET PASSAGE.

DISCOVERIES AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

Some interesting discoveries have been made at Windsor Castle.

Previously only two sallyports have been known to be in existence—namely, one in the west wall at the Curfew Tower and one in the south front, near the York Tower.

Now an underground passage has been found on the eastern side, not far from the Victoria Tower. The sallyport is just under the front wall of the east terrace and has just been explored. A plan has also been found of this underground passage in the archives of the Castle.

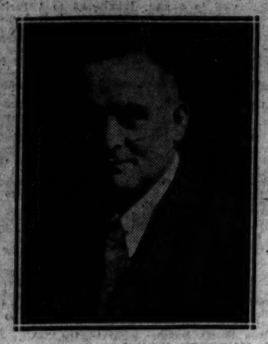
Another discovery is the foundations of the Great Hall of Henry III., where all the State business was transacted in the thirteenth century. The hall, which has long been demolished, was on the northern side of St. George's Chapel.

MEET OF THE COUNTY DOWN STAGHOUNDS.

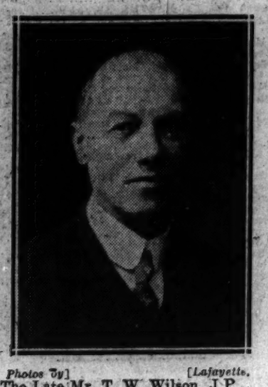
Members of the County Down Staghounds Arriving at the Meet.

Scene Before the Start of the Meet of the County Down Staghounds.

Mr. Howard Carter and his Staff removing the Partition Wall between the Ante-Chamber and the Sepulchral Hall. The task of demolishing this Wall without damaging the Sepulchral Shrine immediately behind it presented great difficulties. The boy seen at the top of this picture was hoisted by Mr. Carter into the cavity to assist in clearing out the stones as they were loosened.



The Late Mr. Thomas Dawson, formerly Town Clerk of Tipperary.



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The Late Mr. T. W. Wilson, J.P., Principal of the Queen Victoria Schools, Durham street, Belfast, for 35 years.

Detail of one of the Chariots discovered in the Ante-Chamber: the Head of the Household God "Bes" in gold-work, ivory and crystalline limestone, inlaid with polychrome faience, glass and stone.

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ULSTER RELIABILITY TRIALS ON BOXING DAY.

A Competitor Negotiating a Very Rough Piece of Road.

J. Brown, on his 3 h.p. Ivy.

Competitors in the Ulster Reliability Trials Waiting Their Turn at the Foot of Gilnahirk Hill.

The Lesser Evil—J. Forsythe (3½ h.p. Sunbeam) Taking the Whins in Making the Ascent of Gilnahirk Hill.

The Glentoran Team, the First Ulster Side to Play in Dublin since the Free State came into being. The Photograph Shows the Team and Some of the Directors.

The Shelbourne Team, who were Beaten in Dublin Yesterday by a Goal to Nil by the Glentoran Eleven.

THE GEYSER DANGER.

VENTILATION OF BATHROOM ESSENTIAL.

The Bristol Medical Officer of Health recently called attention to the danger of using geysers in bathrooms which were not ventilated. He said that a number of persons had lately been suffocated by gas fumes as the result of the windows being closed. He strongly recommended a means of ventilation which could not be stopped by a person taking a bath.

Yesterday two inquests were held, and verdicts were returned of death from poisoning by carbon-monoxide, through a window being closed whilst a person was having a bath.

The Coroner said that it was a most unsatisfactory state of affairs, that seventy-five per cent. of geysers were installed without any vent being fixed. It was a great source of danger, and the fact that fumes could not be smelt made the danger all the more serious. The present was the fifth or sixth death arising from the same cause that had occurred recently. He could only hope that through the newspapers the public generally would be warned, and that people who used a geyser in a bathroom would have proper ventilation provided.

SECRETARYSHIP OF THE WAR OFFICE.

The War Office announces that on the retirement from the public service of Sir Charles Harris, on March 2nd next, the temporary arrangement, dating from 1920, by which there have been two joint Secretaries of the War Office will terminate, and the duties of the two secretaries will be amalgamated, under the title of Permanent Under-Secretary for War.

The Secretary of State for War, with the assent of the Prime Minister, has appointed Sir Herbert Creedy to fill this post while retaining his seat on the Army Council. Mr. J. B. Crosland has been appointed as his deputy, with effect from March 3rd.

BALLYMAHON SHOOTING CASE.

FREE STATE OFFICER KILLED.

Our Athlone Correspondent telegraphs that Lieutenant Michael J. Keane, of the Irish Free State Army, was shot dead by a military policeman in the streets of Ballymahon, Co. Longford, at about half-past twelve o'clock on Christmas morning. Lieutenant Keane was about 28 years of age. He was stationed at the Curragh, but was at home on leave. He was in mufti at the time of the shooting, and was in the company of a young man named Joseph Nally.

On his way home he met a patrol of two military policemen, who questioned him. There was an argument, in the course of which Keane is alleged to have wrenched a revolver from one of the military policemen. The other policeman, on seeing his comrade disarmed, is said to have fired at Lieutenant Keane, inflicting a mortal wound.

Lieutenant Keane was examined by Dr. Kenny, and found to be dead. The revolver bullet had passed through his body, penetrating the heart and the right lung.

The military policeman who fired the fatal shot has been arrested.

FREE STATE SOLDIER CHARGED WITH WOUNDING.

On Wednesday, Thomas Portley, an Irish Free State soldier, was arrested by the Caherconlish, County Limerick, Civic Guard, on a charge of firing at William Guerin and wounding him in the left hand. Guerin and two other men were walking along the road from Boher, when Portley ordered them to put up their hands. He is alleged to have produced a revolver and fired, with the result that Guerin was wounded.

Portley was remanded.

LADY SIMMONS'S APPEAL.—Notice of appeal was given at Marylebone Police Court, London, against the fine of £10 and costs imposed last Thursday on Lady Edith Simmons, wife of Sir A. Simmons, on a charge of stealing articles from Whiteley's.

NEW YEAR'S DAY NOT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

AND EVEN THE BANK CLERKS WILL WORK.

We learn on official authority that the object of the proclamation of the Governor-General, which is published in the *Iris Oifigiuil* (*Dublin Gazette*), making New Year's Day a Bank Holiday, is solely to give bank officials an opportunity of writing up arrears and balancing their accounts up to the end of this year.

The proclamation does not establish a holiday in any other sense.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Rev. I. J. North-Bomford, Incumbent of Headford, in the Diocese of Tuam, has been nominated to the Incumbency of Athenry.

The Rectory of Templecarne Parish, Diocese of Clogher, has undergone extensive repairs and renovations. The cost was defrayed by a sale of work, which not only paid for the work done, but has left a credit balance to form a nucleus for a repair fund for the parish church.

The Rev. W. H. Giles, Rector of Killowen, Diocese of Derry, who has been in failing health for some time, has announced his intention of retiring. Mr. Giles was ordained in 1888, and has spent thirty years in his present parish.

A handsome oak reredos, with a face in white marble, and a pair of brass vases have been presented to the parish church of Upper Moville, Diocese of Derry, in memory of Robert and Arabella Lepper. The gifts were recently dedicated by the Bishop.

CONDENSED MILK COMPANY.

We learn that the business of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland has been sold to an Irish Syndicate, who will carry on the activities of the company, and that arrangements will be made to pay the milk suppliers the moneys due to them for milk supplied to the company previous to November 8.

HOVE MURDER.

WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE HIDING MAJOR BAILEY.

The search for Major Bailey is being actively pursued by the Hove (Sussex) police, and an official yesterday stated that "important developments may be looked for in a very short time." A woman is now believed to be hiding the Major in England, and every effort is being made to find her. The police, it is stated, have succeeded in tracing her to a certain town.

DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.

CHEAP TURKEYS AFFECT MEAT TRADE.

Trade at the Dublin Cattle Market yesterday was remarkable for the limited inquiry made by local butchers. It is stated that the drop in the price of turkeys preceding the Christmas was largely responsible for this fact. Turkeys having gone back to pre-war rates, because the public refused to pay any more, were bought in preference to beef and mutton for roasting. It was the first time for several years that people of moderate means had an opportunity of buying turkeys cheaply. Consequently a considerable quantity of beef and mutton remained in the hands of butchers over the holidays.

The result was seen in yesterday's market, when few but the best stall-feds suited for export met with any inquiry. For the cattle which were sold good prices were realised, from 50s. to 53s. per cwt. (live weight) being a general range. Outside these animals trade was very restricted.

The fall in the price of turkeys was a great disappointment to sellers, and must tend to discourage those who make a feature of feeding poultry for Christmas. At the same time the return of more moderate values was a great boon to the general public.

Of all games for the tired brain-worker I believe golf to be the worst.—Dr. Harold Dearden.

ICE HOCKEY.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

MUERREN, Thursday.

The ninth Oxford and Cambridge ice hockey match was played here to-day, the result being a win for the Dark Blues, by 3 goals to nil. Snow fell throughout the game, making the ice slow, although it was cleared at the end of each period. There was no scoring in the first period, but Oxford were continually attacking.

Early in the second period Oxford, by good combined play, scored three goals in rapid succession, through H. F. Binet, R. H. G. Bonnycastle and E. B. Pilblads. Although Oxford continued to press, the Cambridge goalkeeper was equal to all emergencies, and there was no further scoring. At times the Light Blues were responsible for some brilliant individual play, but the excellent combination of their opponents proved too strong for them. Wing Commander Scott refereed the game.

In the hour of triumph we are equally anxious to be fair and just to all.—Mr. J. H. Thomas.

BANN MYSTERY.

WOMAN FOUND DROWNED.

HUSBAND CHARGED WITH MURDER.

The discovery of the body of a pedlar's wife in the River Bann at Glenone was described at an inquest held by Dr. W. M'Iver, Coroner for South Derry, on Sarah M'Neilly, aged 34, of Glenone.

The jury found that death was due to drowning, and added that it was not proved whether death occurred accidentally or homicidally.

The first witness was Alfred E. M'Neilly, husband of the dead woman. He declared that occasionally his wife was nervous during the night. On the previous morning, the 25th inst., witness went out with his wife between eight and nine o'clock, and he had his dog with him. His wife was going to the chapel at Portglenone, and witness left her at Daly's corner, about 100 yards from the Bann Bridge on the Antrim side. His wife went towards the chapel. He turned to the left on the Gortgole road, and she said, "Go on, Paddy; go back," to the dog.

Witness went as far as Milltown, about a mile out, and then came back. His wife had kissed him going out. He came back to Portglenone by the same road. He then took a stroll along the Derry side of the Bann with the dog for about three-quarters of a mile. When he was going home he saw Mr. Davison, who asked him whether that was his wife's shawl, pointing to a shawl on the banks of the river, about 100 yards from his own house. His wife was wearing a shawl that morning, and he said that the shawl was his wife's. It was a plaid shawl.

He was not surprised to find the shawl there, because the dog was used to pulling it about. The dog was in front of him, and out of his sight for about ten minutes. His wife should have been at Mass during that time.

The District Inspector—How long does Mass usually last?

Witness—I don't know. I am a Protestant, and she was a Roman Catholic.

The District Inspector—When next did you hear of your wife?

Witness replied that there was a woman in the White Row, who said that she had heard about a woman being drowned in the river. He was not sure of the time, but it would be near twelve o'clock.

The District Inspector—Did you worry any then? Yes, I cried.

The District Inspector—Why did you cry—you did not know who was drowned?

Witness—I would cry about anybody.

Proceeding, witness said that a son of Harry Scullion, the publican, told him it was his wife who was drowned.

Mrs. Jessie Cluney, Glenone House, Portglenone, said that she saw Alfred E. M'Neilly coming across the bridge from the County Antrim side. She did not know his name at the time. She had heard previously that his wife was missing, and she asked him if he had found her, and he said, "No." Witness told him that she had heard that a woman's body had been found in the River Bann, and he replied that his wife was tatooed on the arm, and if it was she they would know the body.

Witness asked him why he did not report the matter to the police, and he hesitated, and then said he had a quarrel with his wife in the house that morning. Witness said that it seemed strange that the shawl was found on the steps, and he said that the little dog might have brought it there. He left witness, and went into his own house. About twenty minutes later she saw him again. She asked him if he had reported the matter yet, and he replied, "Where is the nearest place I can go to?" She directed him to the Portglenone Barracks. After coming from the barracks he stopped with her, and she asked him when he last saw his wife. He replied that she left the house at 6.45 that morning to go to the chapel. Witness asked him what did he do, and he said that he took a dander out afterwards.

To the Coroner—At any time when she saw them together they appeared to be quite friendly.

Medical evidence attributed death to drowning, and a verdict was returned as recorded above.

Alfred Ernest M'Neilly afterwards was placed under arrest on a charge of murdering his wife. He was brought before a special Court of Petty Sessions, and remanded for eight days.

ASSOCIATION.

GLENTORAN'S VISIT.

SHELBOURNE BEATEN.

The first visit of an Irish League team to the metropolis for some years was the means of raising considerable interest in the game at Shelbourne Park yesterday, where the local side were opposed to Glentoran, and a big crowd was present to witness the Northerners' display, nor were they disappointed, a good exhibition resulting in a narrow win for Glentoran by the only goal scored. Shelbourne relied on the same side which defeated Bohemians on Saturday, and Glentoran had most of their first team doing duty, included in which were such well-known players as Mahaffy and Ferrett. The pace was not quite what was expected; still, the football of both sides was interesting. Shelbourne had much the better of the exchanges for a considerable part of the opening period, their wing play being a feature of the game. The inside forwards, however, were slow and inept, several easy chances being missed. The half-back play of both sides was very good, and for the greater part Shelbourne had a pull over the Northern trio. Here Foley, as right for the home side, proved a rare spoiler, frequently stopping well-organised forward movements of the visitors, but his forwards responded badly. After their fine display against Bohemians a few days previously, both Fortune and Ardiff were very disappointing, the latter being particularly weak near goal. Indeed, had he made use of his chances Shelbourne must have won handsomely. In the closing period Shelbourne were seen at their best, all the backs playing a fine game, and holding the speedy Glentoran forwards. Both O'Brien and Simpson on either wing got the ball across with judgment, but the inside forwards missed every opportunity. Near goal the visting lot were infinitely more dangerous, and this was proved nearing the end, when Doherty had to clear hard shots from Keenan, Allen, and M'Keague, the first, named being particularly dangerous with smart drives, which usually had plenty of weight in them. Glentoran's score came when the second half had gone about three-quarters through, Allen getting away on the wing, and, dribbling well up before being tackled, he cleverly evaded the backs, and shot hard, but Doherty saved, and, dipping, only partly cleared the ball. M'Keague was quick to avail of the mistake, and pounced on the ball, and, banging back hard, it glanced off Doherty's hands into the net. A good effort of Shelbourne to level up failed, and Glentoran were attacking strongly when the final whistle went. Mahaffy, the visiting goal-keeper, got hurt before the interval, and had to retire. Bowden, of the second team, who came with the side, going on in the second period, and giving a fine display. All through Glentoran got a great reception, and were cheered by a big crowd when leaving.

BOHEMIANS v. LINFIELD.

Although led 2-0 at the interval in this match in Belfast yesterday, Bohemians made a wonderful recovery. Dominating the play throughout the second half, they ran up a total of four goals without reply, and ran out deservedly winners of a heavy scoring match by two clear goals.

Linfield had the best of the opening play, and goals by Wilson and Savage gave them the lead on change of ends.

In the second half the game reached a high level, despite the fact that the closing stages were played in a downpour. Murray was the first to score for the visitors, and then O'Kane brought the scores level. A good shot by Robinson put them ahead, and another by Murray made the issue secure. Result:—

Bohemians ..... 4 goals.
Linfield ..... 2 goals.

Teams.—Bohemians—P. Robinson; Kerr, McCarthy; Kelly, McIlroy, Otto (captain); O'Kane, C. Robinson, Cahill; Willetts, and Murray.

Linfield—McMeekin; McCracken, Frame; Robinson, Moorhead, J. Harris (Glenavon); Scott, Wilson, Savage (Aldershot), McIlreavy, and Harland.

Referee—W. Cowan.

No business is more liable to be devitalised by external help than a newspaper.—Mr. St. Loe Strachey.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

THE JOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

CAPTAIN BENNET'S ILL-LUCK.

CIVIC GUARD'S FINE WIN AT KEMPTON.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday Night.

On returning from Kempton this evening we received the news that Captain Bennet had been knocked out at Wolverhampton by the fall of Ardeen in the Oteley Steeplechase and that he had been taken to Wolverhampton Hospital unconscious. The latest news is to the effect that he is still unconscious, and that beyond the fact that they find him suffering from concussion the doctors have not been able to diagnose the extent of his injuries. Everybody hoped that the brilliant amateur rider, who has a wonderful constitution, is only suffering from temporary concussion.

It is peculiarly bad luck on him to have this accident just after climbing to the point of sharing with Rees and Hogan in the top honours among winning across-country horsemen. Neither Rees nor Hogan rode a winner during the day, so that the position remains as it was, except that by riding two winners Jack Anthony brought his total to 58, and is now within four of the leaders.

A SPARKLING PERFORMANCE.

To tell the truth, the racing at Kempton was poor. It is true that Civic Guard, with no Savernake to bar the way, put up a sparkling performance in the Twickenham Hurdle, but he had only two moderate opponents to beat, and odds of 6 to 1 had to be laid on him.

Tom Crow fell in the Shepperton Handicap Steeplechase. He was going very strongly, and was in the lead, less than a mile from home, when he and Snaefell came down. This left the path clear for Lord Westmorland's Phaco, who beat Devonport comfortably. Had he not fallen, it is not unlikely that Tom Crow might have won.

An interesting runner in this race was the French horse, Kwang Su II. As far as looks go, he is good enough for anything—a fine, well-knit, powerful 'chaser, showing plenty of quality. The Kempton fences seemed entirely new to him, but he set about them at his own pace in very workmanlike fashion and completed the course. When he has had more experience of English courses and adapts himself to the fences he will probably win races. I think he did all that was expected of him this afternoon.

SMALL PRICES FOR WINNERS.

Horses were cheap to-day. The first winner at Kempton, Romulus, was sold afterwards for 50 guineas, but he beat a wretched lot, such as Chang—who changed hands the other day for a "tenner"—Prince Clifton, and Ned Carver, both of whom fell. I see that at Wolverhampton the first winner, Muscadin, was also sold for the same sum. Truly, a man can acquire a stable of jumpers with winning form very cheaply in England just now.

The most notable event at Wolverhampton was the victory in the Oteley Steeplechase of Ballinode, with, I hope, all Sligo on to a man. She was well backed, in face of the fact that Glengarry was a sound favourite. The grey could not pull out any speed at all, and Ballinode won in a canter from Dunadry, who has had a chequered career since he won the Lancashire Steeplechase for the late Captain Morgan, of Belfast. The Bore plodded on into fourth place behind Glengarry.

Writing last night I suggested that Barrackton Lad and Ballinode might be a profitable double. Barrackton Lad, who started at 10 to 1, was beaten into third place by another 10 to 1 chance in Tedney, though he flattered greatly until the last hurdle. The weight, however, told on him in the run in through the heavy going. Tedney is a useful mare when she does her best, but she has been very disappointing at times to Mr. Hastings. Ivor Anthony made one of his rare appearances in the saddle to ride her.

STUFF GOWN'S EASY WIN.

Stuff Gown was an easy winner of the Three-Year-Old Hurdle, and Ubeoff won the Selling Steeplechase for that great sportsman, Mr. A. G. Chamberlain, the Wolverhampton barber, who, when he takes his small string back from the gallops of a morning, promptly proceeds to attend to the tonsorial wants of his customers.

Fairly good racing should be seen to-morrow at Newbury, where I think that NORTH WALTHAM will win the Reading Steeplechase and FLAMING SWORD the Didcot Hurdle. If NOCE D'ARGENT runs for the Juvenile Hurdle he should win; otherwise the race may go to BATTLE CRUISER.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

NEWBURY.

1.0 Race—9 to 4 agst. Kroongart, 3 to 1 Tim, 9 to 2 Olive Bough, 5 to 1 Glorioso, 11 to 2 Ned Carver, 7 to 1 Leighlin Bridge, 8 to 1 Golden Victory, 10 to 1 Craganock and Drinmoyle, 100 to 8 others.

1.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. Prima Donna, 3 to 1 Puck, 9 to 2 Petty Cury, 6 to 1 By Proxy, 7 to 1 Crook Hill and Warwick, 8 to 1 Greek Star, 10 to 1 Sybarite and Canterland, 100 to 8 Cherry Bob, 100 to 6 others.

2.0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Kirkwood, 5 to 2 Charlie Wise, 4 to 1 The Bleeks, 6 to 1 Le Cellier, 7 to 1 Canopus, 8 to 1 Slovenly Saint and Dinah Morris, 10 to 1 Reahills and Ballymenoch, 100 to 8 others.

2.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Hong Kong, 3 to 1 Nane Snugger, 4 to 1 King Pippin, 11 to 2 Aubretia, 7 to 1 Irish Eagle, 8 to 1 Sans Peche and Comether, 10 to 1 Hassock and Polisson, 100 to 8 others.

3.0 Race—6 to 4 agst. The Temple II., 3 to 1 Waving Pin, 9 to 2 Grenhurst, 6 to 1 Snipe's Bridge, 7 to 1 Bellini, 8 to 1 Dark Dragon, 10 to 1 Ragman, 100 to 8 others.

3.30 Race—11 to 10 agst. Noce d'Argent, 7 to 2 Perahara, 7 to 1 Tranquility, 8 to 1 Sun's Way and Border Ranger, 10 to 1 Rugeley and Thief, 20 to 1 others.

"FORM" HORSES.

NEWBURY.

1. 0 Race—Kroongart.
1.30 Race—Petty Cury.
2. 0 Race—Kirkwood.
2.30 Race—Hong Kong.
3. 0 Race—The Temple II.
3.30 Race—Noce d'Argent.
DOUBLE—Hong Kong (nap) and The Temple II.

A Student of Form

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily News:—Double—Kirkwood and Noce D'Argent.
Daily Mirror:—Double—Charlie Wise and Tranquility.
Daily Graphic:—Double — Prima Donna and Border Ranger.
Daily Express:—Double—Hong Kong and Tranquility. Safety bet—Hong Kong (to win).
Daily Chronicle:—Double—Hong Kong and Noce D'Argent or Perahara. "To Beat the Book"—Hong Kong.
Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Flaming Sword. Double—North Waltham and Flaming Sword.
Daily Mail:—Special selection—Perahara.

SEDGEFIELD.

MEETING ABANDONED.

Racing at Sedgefield, which had been postponed from Wednesday, was abandoned yesterday owing to a further fall of snow.

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LEOPARDSTOWN.

SUCCESSFUL WIND-UP.

FOUR FAVOURITES WIN.

DAWSON'S DOUBLE EVENT.

The concluding stage of the meeting was in every way more enjoyable than the first, the weather showing a marked improvement on that of Boxing Day, whilst the light was excellent until towards the end. The attendance was again of capital dimensions, and the fact of four first favourites proving successful of course added to the pleasure incidental to a nice day's racing, which quite maintained Wednesday's fine standard. A feature was the double event brought off by M. Dawson, who scored by the aid of the full brothers, Barry Ogue and Rathory.

Melra, who had created such a favourable impression on the occasion of her *debut*—a winning one—last month, gave another taking display in the Three-Year-Old Hurdle Plate, and though slightly over-jumping herself at the penultimate flight Mr. James Daly's smart mare never left the issue in doubt. First Consul was lying second when he came down at the last hurdle, at which juncture he was beaten, and Carn and Golden Gray hunted the winner home.

For quite a long way in the Stillorgan Steeplechase Red West looked like effecting a turn-up, but he compounded rapidly in the closing stages, and with Double First, whose first essay over fences in public this was, also fading out of the picture a quarter of a mile from home, Barry Ogue, whose jumping was a bit faulty in the first mile but afterwards improved, making light of the efforts of Ballystockart to catch him in the straight, won comfortably.

As was presaged in the wagering on the Foxrock Steeplechase, that race fell an easy prey to Rathory, who is a very fine stamp of 'chaser, and a grand jumper like him should, with ordinary luck, earn further distinction. Francis Brown, who had been on the shelf since the spring, demonstrated in the Bray Steeplechase that he has lost little or none of his old time ability, and though his jumping left something to be desired, his victory was assured when he headed Misfire at the last fence. They came very close together at the final obstacle, and again in the straight, but this had no bearing on the result, and the ensuing objection on the grounds of boring was over-ruled.

Backers of favourites met their first and only reverse of the day when Thirty-Bob, admirably ridden by her owner, Mr. T. Singleton, got the better of the much-fancied Soldier's Joy after a great finish in the Corinthian Plate. The winner was purchased as a yearling for thirty shillings, hence the name, and yesterday when put up to auction before her race was withdrawn at 700 guineas. Details:—

1.15—THE THREE YEARS OLD OPTIONAL SELLING HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. 1½ m.
Mr. Jas. Daly's br. f. MELRA, by Corcyra—Melmond, 11-7 ... D. Ward 1
Mr. W. O. Bourke's CARN, 11-7 ... J. McCarthy 2
Mr. John Ryan's GOLDEN GREY, 11-0 ... H. Meany 3
Mr. P. Monahan's Major Ray, 11-0 ... Jos. Doyle 0
Mr. C. T. Wallis's Vesington Prince, 11-0 ... Jos. Canty 0
Mr. A. M'Cann's King Dennis, 10-9 ... Mella 0
Mr. W. A. Wallis's Happy Princess, 10-9 ... J. Mullen 0
Mr. J. L. Capel's Merrie Memories, 10-12 ... T. Burns 0
Mr. D. Kelly's May-Eve, 10-4 ... D. Kiely 0
Mr. T. Singleton's First Consul, 10-7 J. McNeill 0
Mr. D. J. Cogan's Louvoisina, 10-2 J. Cahalan 0
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. MELRA, 5 to 2 Vesington Prince, 8 to 1 each Carn and Golden Grey, 20 to 1 any other.

Melra cut out the work from Golden Grey, Carn, First Consul, King Dennis, Louvoisina, Vesington Prince, and Major Ray. There was little change in this order for a mile, when First Consul took second place, but fell at the last hurdle, and Melra, after making all the running, won easily by eight lengths; three lengths divided second and third. Louvoisina was fourth, Merrie Memories fifth, King Dennis sixth, and Major Ray next. Time—2 mins. 54 secs.

1.45—THE STILLORGAN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. 2 m. 175 yds.
Mr. W. O'Driscoll's b. g. BARRY OGUE, by Bitter Cherry or Poet Laureate—Helen Fenton, 5, 12-4 ... J. Moloney 1
Major Dixon's BALLYSTOCKART, 4, 11-0 ... Delany 2
Colonel Honner's RED WEST, 6, 11-6 T. Hannan 3
Mr. W. Donaldson's Glennan, 6, 11-11 ... Mr. P. Nugent 0
Mr. Jos. Whelan's Huon's Pride, a, 11-11 ... N. Hayes 0
Mr. J. Nugent's Ardonian, 5, 11-8 ... P. Powell 0
Mr. P. Rogers's Double First, 4, 11-7 G. Brown 0
Mr. S. H. Dennis's Parkaneska, 4, 10-9 Owner 0
Mr. J. Kiernan's Royal Dennis, 4, 11-0 ... J. McCarthy 0
Mr. J. W. Osborne's Alice Whitethorn, 4, 10-9 ... Mr. Osborne 0
Mr. O. Prendergast's Smilin' Through, 4, 10-9 ... M. Doherty 0
(Winner trained by M. Dawson.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. BARRY OGUE, 2 to 1 Double First, 6 to 1 Ballystockart, 20 to 1 any other.

Alice Whitethorn fell after half a mile, and Glennan led from Red West, Barry Ogue, Double First, Ballystockart, and Ardonian, for a mile, when Red West went on in front, followed by Glennan, Barryogue, Double First, and Ballystockart. Approaching the last fence Barry Ogue headed Red West, and won easily by four lengths; two and a half lengths divided second and third. Parkaneska was fourth, Double First fifth, Huon's Pride sixth, and Glennan next. Time—4 mins. 33 2-5 secs.

2.15—THE FOXROCK HANDICAP 'CHASE of 150 sovs., of which the second receives 20 sovs. and the third 10 sovs. 2½ m.
Mr. E. Kieran's b. g. RATHORY, by Poet Laureate—Helen Fenton, a, 11-7 J. Moloney 1
Lord Lascelles' KING EBER, a, 9-10 ... D. Ward 2
Mr. E. Delany's BALLINACRAD, a, 9-7 ... M. Hines 3
Mr. W. J. Madden's Ballinacurra Boy, a, 10-13, ... Mr. McCarthy 0
(Winner trained by M. Dawson.)

Betting—9 to 4 on RATHORY, 5 to 1 agst. Ballinacurra Boy, 6 to 1 King Eber, 10 to 1 Ballinacrad.

Ballinacrad, settling down in front, carried on the running from Ballinacurra Boy, King Eber and Rathory. Half a mile from home Rathory improved his position, and, drawing to the front at the last fence, won in a canter by a length and a half; two and a half lengths divided second and third. Time—5 mins. 23 secs.

2.45—THE BRAY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. 3 m. 100 yds.
Miss M. Brown's ch. g. FRANCIS BROWN, by Frustrum—Allsea, a, 11-9 ... D. Ward 1
Mr. H. M. Ryan's MISFIRE, a, 10-11 Fenton 2
Mr. E. W. Hope-Johnstone's RISING MOON, 5, 11-7 ... J. McNeill 3
Mr. A. Willis's Bohernore, a, 10-10 ... M. Connors 0
Mr. James Daly's Pactolus, a, 10-9 ... G. Brown 0
Mrs. Croft's Keep Time, 5, 10-3 ... P. Powell 0
Mrs. E. Feehily's Bennett's Bridge, 5, 9-9 ... D. Kiely 0
(Winner trained by R. Fetherstonhaugh.)

Betting—Evens FRANCIS BROWN, 6 to 1 each agst. Keep Time and Bohernore, 7 to 1 Misfire, 100 to 8 any other.

Misfire set the pace to Pactolus, Keep Time, Bennett's Bridge, Francis Brown, and Rising Moon, with Bohernore tailed off last. After going two miles Pactolus dropped back, and Francis Brown, heading Misfire at the last fence, came on to win by four lengths; six lengths divided second and third. Keep Time was fourth and Pactolus next. Time—6 mins. 49 2-5 secs.

An objection to the winner for boring was overruled.

3.15—THE CORINTHIAN PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A flat race. 2 m. 75 yds.
Mr. T. Singleton's br. m. THIRTY-BOB, by Grave Greek—Casquette, 5, 11-7 ... Owner 1
Mr. P. Rogers's SOLDIER'S JOY, 5, 12-0 ... Mr. T. J. Widger 2
Colonel Honner's RED LADDIE, 4, 11-4 ... Captain Honner 3
Mr. J. Leech's The Royal End, 5, 11-7 ... Mr. P. J. Lenehan 0
Mr. P. Berney's Carry More, a, 12-2 Mr. Osborne 0
Mr. R. G. Cleary's How Nice, a, 12-2 ... Mr. J. W. Cleary 0
Miss B. O'Reilly's Foxrock, a, 11-11 ... Mr. W. Hilliard 0
Mr. P. J. Corbett's Shady Boy, 4, 12-0 ... Mr. T. B. Cullinan 0
Mr. T. G. Dillon's Wrenboy, 4, 11-7 Mr. Lo Byrne 0
Mr. H. M. Hartigan's Ben Aden, 4, 11-4 ... Mr. F. Clarke 0
(Winner trained by R. Brooks.)

Betting—Evens Soldier's Joy, 4 to 1 agst. Shady Boy, 5 to 1 THIRTY-BOB, 100 to 8 any other.

Carry More made play from How Nice, Soldier's Joy, Shady Boy, Red Laddie, The Royal End and Thirty Bob, until half a mile from home, when Soldier's Joy took command, but in the straight was headed by Thirty Bob, who won by a length; a length and a half divided second and third. The Royal End was fourth, How Nice fifth, Ben Aden sixth, and Foxrock next. Wrenboy fell. Time—4 mins. 10 3-5 secs.

MR. BEN IRISH BUYS DAWSON CITY.

Mr. Ben Irish has bought the two-year-old Dawson City from Behan's Irish stable. His new purchase is by Spearmint out of Clancare, and has been entered for the Derby, the St. Leger, and the Irish Derby.

This colt ran three times this year in Ireland, winning the Pollardstown Plate, Curragh, and the Phœnix Plate, Phœnix Park, and being second in the Seaside Plate, Baldoyle.

C. Bartholomew, jun., whose father trains for M. Eknayan, has signed a contract with Lady Torrington to act as private trainer, and will leave France on January 2nd to take charge of her stable at Shrewton.

DUNSTALL PARK (WOLVERHAMPTON).

OUTSIDERS SCORE.

STUFF GOWN'S FIFTH SUCCESSIVE WIN.

There was some very interesting racing on the concluding day at Dunstall Park. Wootton quickly added to his list of successes with Muscadin and Stuff Gown, the latter recording his fifth successive win, his only defeat having been by Bawn-na-Glas, a Coulthwaite candidate, at last Dunstall meeting.

The pencillers had a much better time than on Wednesday, for after two first favourites had caught the judge's eye, Tedney came up in the Wolverhampton Hurdle, an unbacked outsider, while, in the succeeding event Ubeoff, trained locally by Mr. Chamberlain, with a good local lad, Sidney Jones, in the saddle, also pegged back several well-backed animals. Ubeoff, who has been in Mr. Chamberlain's possession for several seasons, was retained by his owner, as there was no bid at the subsequent auction.

The Dunstall Park Steeplechase produced a most extraordinary race. Of the four runners, Sober Wisdom ran out early, The Lout refused later, and Ilston Cross ran out, but was righted. Tor Dhu jumped a fence half way and ran out up a bank near to the canal. Eventually Tor Dhu and Ilston Cross went on, the latter winning by four lengths.

There were many upsets during the two days, Howard sustaining a broken collar bone, and Captain Bennet being removed in an unconscious condition to Wolverhampton Hospital through the fall of Ardeen.

12.50—STOCKWELL (S.) HURDLE of £150. 2 m.
Mr. Wootton's ch. h. MUSCADIN, by Sunder—Muscosa, 6, 12-1 ... F. Wootton 1
Mrs. Blain's VOXOL, 5, 11-10 J. Hogan, jun. 2
Mr. Knowles's BACMORE, 5, 12-1 ... J. Mason 3
Also ran—Wee Mon (A. Shedden), Bombproof (V. Piggott), Blood Royal (H. East), Stand Aside (G. Goswell), Drink Less (Capt. Bennet), Farney (F. Saunders). Off 12.50. (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—5 to 2 each agst. MUSCADIN and Bombproof, 5 to 1 each Bacmore and Blood Royal, 6 to 1 Wee Mon, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by a head; a length.
The winner was sold to Major Kavanagh for 50 gns.

1.20—OPEN THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.
Mr. Wootton's b. c. STUFF GOWN, by Junior—Porphyria, 11-7 ... F. Wootton 1
Mr. C. Green's YOUNG MAN'S FANCY, 9-12 ... V. Piggott 2
Mr. T. Davidson's KING OF CLUBS, 10-3 ... Capt. Bennet 3
Also ran—Monnaie (J. Hogan, jun.), Kitawitay (Mr. E. Tanner), Second Crop (Mr. Dennis), Jeanagee (T. Moreau). Off 1.20. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)
Betting—2 to 1 on STUFF GOWN, 4 to 1 agst. Monnaie, 8 to 1 King of Clubs, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by six lengths; a head. Jeanagee was fourth. Second Crop fell.

1.50—WOLVERHAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE of £300. 2 m.
Mr. T. Walker's br. f. TEDNEY, by Poor Boy—Benigan, 5, 11-10 ... I. Anthony 1
Mr. A. McAlpine's KERAMEICOS, 5, 10-5 ... G. Goswell 2
Mr. O'Callaghan's BARRACKTON LAD, 4, 12-4 ... J. Hogan, jun. 3
Also ran—Assaroe (Mr. F. Brown), Old Times (F. Wootton), Glenfarg (F. Saunders), Barcedo (W. Stott), Son o' Love (H. East), Granchester (Dick), Quick March (Capt. Bennet), Envoy (G. Truelove). Off 1.50. (Winner trained by Hastings.)
Betting—3 to 1 agst. Quick March, 4 to 1 Assaroe, 6 to 1 Kerameicos, 8 to 1 Old Times, 10 to 1 TEDNEY or any other.
Won by a length; same.

2.20—STANTON (S.) HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
Mr. Chamberlain's br. g. UBEOFF, by Criffel—Salina, 10, 10-4 ... S. Jones 1
Mr. Sanday's HERMOCLES, 4, 10-7 ... W. Stott 2
Mr. Bownass's SIGNUM, 10, 11-11 Mr. Delmege 3
Also ran—St. George II. (J. Hogan, jun.), Flying Winkfield (A. Smith), The Grove (G. Goswell), Smoker (Mr. E. Tanner). Off 2.20. (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—11 to 8 agst. St. George, 4 to 1 Signum, 6 to 1 Flying Winkfield, 7 to 1 The Grove, 10 to 1 UBEOFF or any other.
Won by three lengths; same.
There was no bid for the winner.

2.50—OTELEY HANDICAP 'CHASE of £300. 3 m.
Mr. Bentley's ch. m. BALLINODE, by Machakos—Celia, 7, 10-1 ... Fitzgibbon 1
Mrs. Blain's DUNADRY, 10, 9-11 ... F. Roach 2
Major I. Straker's GLENGARRY II., a, 10-12 ... D. Dick 3
Also ran—Jimmu (E. Goswell), Ardeen (Capt. Bennet), Uproar (Bletsoe), Singlecote (Major Cavenagh), Toyboat (Hodgkinson), The Bore (Mr. Dennis), Deniken (Trudgill). Off 2.51. (Winner trained by Barthropp.)
Betting—7 to 4 agst. Glengarry II., 9 to 2 BALLINODE, 5 to 1 Jimmu, 6 to 1 Ardeen, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by six lengths; a bad third. The Bore was fourth.

3.15—DUNSTALL PARK 'CHASE of £150. 2 m.
Mrs. Sanday's ILSTON CROSS, 5, 11-2 G. Goswell 1
Mrs. Hollins' TOR DHU, 5, 10-8 ... R. Trudgill 2
Also ran—Sober Wisdom (M. Smith), The Lout (T. James). Off 3.19.
Betting—11 to 8 on ILSTON CROSS, 4 to 1 agst Tor Dhu, 5 to 1 each Sober Wisdom and The Lout.
Won by four lengths. Only two finished.

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HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour
Saturday, 29th	Rathgate	1.30
THE MEATH.		
To-day	Mayglare Barracks	11.0
Saturday, 29th	Stackallen	11.0

CHANGE OF MEET.

The Ward Hounds will meet at Ratoath on Monday, December 31st, instead of 8th Milestone.

COUNTY GALWAY HUNT.

The County Galway Hunt (The Blazers) will meet as follows:—January—Wednesday, 2nd, Tuam (11.30). Saturday, 5th, Carrowkeel Cross Roads. Tuesday, 8th, Coolarne. Saturday, 12th, Loughrea. Tuesday, 15th, Knockbrack. Saturday, 19th, Moyvilla. Tuesday, 22nd, Kilmeen Cross Roads. Saturday, 26th, Tuam (11.30). At 11 o'clock.

ISLAND HOUNDS.

The Island Hounds will meet as follows:—January—Tuesday, 1st, Ballycanew. Thursday, 3rd, Ballyroebuck (Coolattin Hounds). Friday, 4th, The Island. Monday, 7th, Ballymore. Wednesday, 9th, Ballycarney. Saturday, 12th, Solsborough. Monday, 14th, Rock Tavern (Coolattin Hounds). Tuesday, 15th, Monamolin. Friday, 18th, Monart. Monday, 21st, Clogh. Wednesday, 23rd, Tinnacross. Saturday, 26th, Tombrack. Tuesday, 29th, Ballinatray Bridge. Thursday, 31st, The Fir Tree (Coolattin Hounds). 11 a.m.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.

The County Limerick Hounds will meet as follows:—December—Monday, 31st, Elm Park. January—Wednesday, 2nd, Newbridge. Friday, 4th, Bruree. Monday, 7th, Croom. Wednesday, 9th, Castletown Manor. Friday, 11th, Rathfreeda. Monday, 14th, Four Elms. Wednesday, 16th, Kilfinny. Friday, 18th, Ballinleena. At 11 o'clock.

THE BALLYMACAD HOUNDS.

The Ballymacad Hounds will meet as follows:—December—Saturday, 29th, Loughbawn. Monday, 31st, Farren Connell. January—Friday, 4th, Hilltown. Tuesday, 8th, Archestown (11.30 a.m.). Friday, 11th, Crossdrum. At 11 o'clock.

BRAY HARRIERS.

Meet on Saturday at Shankill, and on Tuesday, 1st January, Delgany, 1.30.

DUNSANY HARRIERS.

The Dunsany Harriers will meet as follows:—January, 1924—Thursday, 3rd, Kilmessan; Monday, 7th, Bellinter Bridge; Thursday, 10th, Edoxtown Cross-roads. At 12 o'clock.

Other Sport on Pages 7 and 9.

KEMPTON PARK RESULTS.

1.0—WATERLOO (S.) HANDICAP 'CHASE of £200. 2 m.
Mr. Hulme's ch. g. ROMULUS, by Manwolf, dam by Cynthus—Nandine, 7, 10-6 ... A. Gregson 1
Mr. Read's CASH BOX, 6, 11-8 ... Mr. R. Read (jun.) 2
Major Methven's THE ANTELOPE II., a, 10-12 ... F. Niker 3
Also ran—Ned Carver (L. B. Rees), Prince Clifton (A. Escott), The Moon (G. ...), Chang (Major Doyle). (Off 1.0.) (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—11 to 10 agst. Prince Clifton, 3 to 1 Ned Carver, 6 to 1 The Antelope II., 7 to 1 Chang, 10 to 1 ROMULUS or any other.
Won by six lengths; a bad third. Chang was fourth.
The winner was sold to Mr. W. Nightingall for 50 guineas.

1.30—CHISWICK (S.) HURDLE of £200. 2 m.
Mrs. Tabor's b. or br. g. CHALTOI, by Santoi—Chaleureuxnetta, 10, 11-7 ... Major Doyle 1
Sir M. M'Alpine's PRIORITY, 7, 11-12 ... F. Rees 2
Mrs. Stevens' PERICO, 6, 11-7 ... Mr. Bisgood 3
Also ran—Glen Eagle (L. Rees), Treble Scotch (Robson), Rathcore (G. Duller), Speen (L. Hall), Sans Doute (A. Smyth), Eighline (Smallpiece), Victor (Sweeney), Ben Strome (Pellerin), Nail (T. Leader). (Off 1.31.) (Winner trained by C. Langlands.)
Betting—5 to 4 agst. Priority, 5 to 1 Perico, 7 to 1 each Speen and Sans Doute, 8 to 1 each CHALTOI and Treble Scotch, 100 to 8 bar six.
Won by half a length; four lengths. Treble Scotch was officially placed fourth.
The winner was sold to Mrs. D'Arcy Baker for 220 guineas.

2.0—SHEPPERTON HANDICAP 'CHASE of £450. 2 m.
Lord Westmorland's ch. h. PHACO, by Phaleron—Comarnie, 8, 11-4 ... J. Anthony 1
Mr. Pole's DEVONPORT, 8, 10-9 ... Major Doyle 2
Mr. Hooley's JACK BOORE, 7, 11-2 ... Tiday 3
Also ran—Kwang Su II. (W. O'Neill), Tom Crow (A. Escott), Snae Fell (L. Rees), Pas (H. Ellis). (Off 2.2.) (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—5 to 5 agst. PHACO, 4 to 1 Devonport, 9 to 2 Jack Boore, 8 to 1 Tom Crow, 10 to 1 Snae Fell, 100 to 8 bar five.
Won by three lengths; same. Pas was fourth.

2.30—TWICKENHAM HURDLE RACE of £300. 2 m.
Mr. Kershaw's ch. g. CIVIC GUARD, by Hurry On—William's Pride, 4, 12-6 ... J. R. Anthony 1
Mr. Rowson's ELUNYD, 4, 11-10 ... F. B. Rees 2
Mr. Whitaker's FERDIA, 6, 12-2 ... A. Escott 3
(Off 2.31.) (Winner trained by O. Anthony.)
Betting—6 to 1 on CIVIC GUARD, 8 to 1 agst. Elunyd, 100 to 8 Ferdia.
Won by six lengths; eight lengths.

3.0—AMATEURS' HANDICAP 'CHASE of £200. (Amateur riders who have not won more than 20 races under either Rules.) 3 m.
Mrs. Stevens's br. g. PRIDE OF MANISTER, by Wavelet's Pride, dam by Santoi—Francesca, 10, 11-11 ... Mr. Bisgood 1
Captain Po...'s MARTES, 12, 11-9 ... Owner 2
Lt.-Colonel Phillips's FLUSHED, 7, 11-11 ... Mr. Gibson 3
Also ran—Loch Allen (Mr. Learmouth). (Off 3.0). (Winner trained by Stevens.)
Betting—5 to 4 agst. PRIDE OF MANISTER, 9 to 4 Flushed, 7 to 2 Martes, 6 to 1 Loch Allen.
Won by eight lengths; a bad third.

3.30—MORTLAKE THREE-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.
Lord Cawley's ch. g. FORMIDABLE, by Llangibby—Lady Forfar, 11-10 ... G. Wall 1
Mr. Neike's TIBET, 11-1 ... A. Escott 2
Mr. H. C. Miller's GOLD WILLOW, 11-0 ... Major Doyle 3
Also ran — Hungarian (Phelan), Brown Pom (Burns), Rosemary (Casey), Sunny Bill (Tighe), Orange River (Brookes), Laughing Cavalier (G. Duller), Regulator (F. Rees), Whipping Boy (Donnelly), Redmer (Healey), Jolly Butcher (Cameron), Dominican (D. Reardon). (Off 3.32.) (Winner trained by Powell.)
Betting—5 to 2 agst. Tibet, 9 to 2 Hungarian, 5 to 1 Dominican, 7 to 1 Orange River, 100 to 8 each FORMIDABLE, Brown Pom, Gold Willow and Laughing Cavalier, 100 to 6 any other.
Won by three lengths; a length.

RUGBY.

NEW ZEALANDERS' TOUR.

PROPOSED LIST OF MATCHES.

The proposed list of matches for the New Zealand team which will visit England in 1924-25 is as follows:—

September 13, 17, 20, 24, in the four Western counties, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, and Gloucester; 27, No. 1 in Wales.

October 1, No. 2 in Wales; 4, v. Leicester; 8, v. North Midlands; 11, v. Cheshire; 15, v. Durham; 18, v. Yorkshire; 22, v. Cumberland; 25, v. Lancashire.

November 1, v. Ireland; 5, v. North of Ireland; 8, v. Northumberland; 12, v. Cambridge University; 15, No. 1 v. London; 20, v. Oxford University; 22, No. 3 in Wales; 29, v. Wales.

December 3, No. 5 in Wales; 6, v. East Midlands; 10 or 11, v. Warwickshire; 13, v. Combined Services; 17, v. Hampshire (possibly); 26 or 27, No. 2 v. London.

January 3, 1925, v. England.

There are also two matches in France between December 17 and 27, or after the match v. England on January 3.

Matches in the various districts can be arranged to be played by club or county as thought best.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Town Clubs v. Country Clubs. (Leinster Junior Trial). Lansdowne road, 2.15.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

Lansdowne v. Wanderers. Lansdowne road.
Bective Rangers v. Old Wesley. Donnybrook.
Clontarf v. Palmerston. Castle avenue.

LEINSTER JUNIOR TRIAL GAME.

For the Leinster Junior Inter-provincial Trial Match at Lansdowne road to-day, at 2.15, the following are the teams:—

TOWN CLUBS.
Full-back—C. Hewat (Lansdowne) (capt.).
Three-quarters—Johnston (Old Wesley), Scales (Lansdowne) Buckley (U.C.), Nunns (D.U.).
Half-backs—Bohane (Wanderers), Murray (Wanderers).
Forwards—Dagge (R.S.P.U.), Darling (Wanderers), L. Egan (Bective), Quinlivan (R.S.P.U.), Speedy (D.U.), Bardon (Wanderers), Bennett (Old Wesley), Herd. (R.S.P.U.).

COUNTRY CLUBS.
Full-back—Allesbury (Edenderry).
Three-quarters—W. Mordaunt (Bray), W. V. Jackson (Co. Meath), H. R. Rogers (Kilkenny), Dr. G. A. Lynch (Drogheda).
Half-backs—G. Ree (Bray), J. Melrose (Carlow).
Forwards—K. H. Anderson (Carlow), T. Crean (Dundalk), W. T. Condell (Kilkenny), F. A. Doyne (Co. Meath), C. Lett (Enniscorthy), G. Lett (Enniscorthy), A. O'Leary (Bray), H. G. Warren (Gorey).

MONKSTOWN (16) v. KNOCK (3).

At Belfast yesterday Monkstown were below strength, and had to enlist the services of several Belfast club players. Both sides played fourteen men. The conditions were bad, the pitch being sodden, and rain falling during the match. Monkstown had all the scoring in the opening half, M'Caldin, Gunning, and Mather securing tries, and Crawford converting once. In the second half the home side did better, Gent scoring an unconverted try. Monkstown were awarded a penalty try for obstruction, and Crawford converted. Result:—
Monkstown—2 goals, 2 tries (16 points).
Knock—1 try (3 points).

Teams:—
Monkstown—G. Titterington; R. P. Bingham, S. Crawford, J. Deane, C. M'Caldin; H. M. Pollock, W. S. Gunning; R. M'Mullen, R. R. Todd, L. M'Comb, W. E. Brittain, J. K. Buchanan, M. Mather, D. C. Pickeman.
Knock—H. W. Baillie; J. Cather, F. T. Rudd, R. B. Price, T. W. Grainger; W. S. Orchard, C. J. Young; R. H. S. Clark, B. A. Gent, G. B. Goldsborough, H. Marfurt, W. Holmes, T. G. Hodgett, R. J. Blair.

WANDERERS' F.C.

The following will represent the 2nd XV. against Enniscorthy, at Enniscorthy, on Tuesday, the 1st day of January, 1924. Train leaves Harcourt street at 6.5 p.m., 31st December, 1923. The selected are requested to mark off their names in the club house, 25 South Frederick street, as verifying their acceptance to travel:—R. W. Williamson; H. Hillyard, H. J. Rose, C. Higginbottom, H. L. Dixon; P. Murray, K. Bohane; D. Bluett, V. Brown, D. Evans, L. Halligan, J. Power, C. D. Sutton, J. H. Wallace.

ULSTER v. LEINSTER (JUNIOR).

The following have been selected to represent Ulster Juniors against Leinster at Dublin on January 12:—J. Campbell (Knock); D. Keown (Derry), R. Pedlow (Lurgan) (captain), D. Mildowie (North of Ireland), T. Ritchie (Knock); J. M. Atkinson (North of Ireland), K. Johnston (Lurgan); J. A. Chambers (Instonians), J. V. Craig (Sydenham), A. Shepherd (Armagh), A. E. Holmes (Carrickfergus), K. Murphy (Lurgan), W. J. M'Curdy (Cooke), T. Steen (Derry), A. Stuart (Donaghadee).

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

The correct starting price of Pollyby, the winner of the Christmas Plate at Limerick meeting on Wednesday, was 5 to 2 against.

Michael Dawson, the Curragh trainer, brought off a useful double event at Leopardstown yesterday with Barry Ogue and Rathory, who are own brothers.

Captain Bennet, by the fall of Ardeen in the Oteley Steeplechase at Wolverhampton yesterday, was rendered unconscious, and was taken to Wolverhampton Hospital.

NEWBURY.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

The racing at Newbury is usually of a high standard, and the programme for to-day is certainly no exception. The going has become very holding, but excellent entries have been received, and some good sport should be forthcoming. The chief event on the card, the Reading Steeplechase, looks like being keenly contested, though it is, perhaps, not a very high-class entry. Of this I like best The Bleeks, Charlie Wise, and a newcomer to the stiffer obstacles in North Waltham. The first-named is, perhaps, hardly good enough, but Charlie Wise is a useful type of chaser, who should most certainly have won but for being brought down at the last Newbury meeting. North Waltham, though he did not fence any too well at Hurst Park on his initial outing, ran sufficiently well to suggest his winning in the near future. For the United Services' Steeplechase I like St. Endas and Outlaw. The last-named has been running better with each outing, and should be good enough here. The Didcot Hurdle has a fair-class entry, best of which I like Flaming Sword and Hong Kong. The first-named, I fear, is none too generous, but I have a high opinion of Hong Kong, for he has good speed and jumps well. Selections:—

Theale Steeplechase—Olive Bough.
Yatesbury Hurdle—*Main Royal.
Reading Steeplechase—North Waltham.
Didcot Hurdle—Hong Kong.
United Services' Steeplechase—Outlaw.
Juvenile Hurdle—Noce D'Argent.

[The figures in front of the names of the horses are an index to placings in their last three engagements—reading from right to left; (s) signifies started slowly.]

1.0—THEALE (S.) HANDICAP 'CHASE of £200. 2 m. 50 yds.
020 GLORIOSO (Mr. Bolton) ... F. Lyall 5 11 9
000 NIKITA (Mrs. McKie) ... McKie 7 10 0
035 LEIGHLIN BRIDGE (Mr. J. Rogers) D. Rogers 5 10 0
000 EDENA GRENA (Mr. Tanner) D. Harrison 4 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
100 NOTHING ON (Mr. Stratton) Stratton 5 12 3
312 KROONGART (Mr. H. Brown) W. Payne 5 12 3
311 TIM (5lb. ex.) (Mr. J. Wood) J. Wood 12 12 5
312 NED CARVER (Mr. E. Tattersall) Poole 8 11 10
100 TIME ENOUGH (Mr. Beeby) ... Private 5 11 9
0 RAMBLE (Mr. Fear) ... Rayson 10 11 7
000 THE MOON (Mr. Christy) ... Kemp 6 11 7
134 SUFFRAGETTE II. (Mr. C. Parish) Powell 5 11 5
303 GOLDEN VICTORY (Mr. Baker) Martin 6 11 3
20 OLIVE BOUGH (Mrs. Bennett) Bennett 6 11 0
SOME WOLF (Mr. A. Hunt) A. Hunt 9 10 11
020 INGOE (Mr. H. Brown) ... H. Brown 7 10 11
040 CRAGANOCK (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 11 10 10
000 ST. DAVID II. (Capt. A. Wheeler) Kirk 11 10 9
DRINMOYLE (Mr. Hamilton) ... Stubbs 7 10 9
004 ARCHBISHIP (Mrs. Stevens) Stevens 10 10 3
433 HILL OF CAMAS (Mr. Jackson) Bradford 15 10 2
400 OCEAN WAVE (Miss Gordon) R. Gordon 10 10 0

1.30—YATESBURY (S.) HURDLE of £150. 2 m.
430 BY PROXY (Col. W. Anthony) Hastings 5 12 3
004 GREEK STAR (Mr. Hulme) ... Hulme 7 11 12
400 MY STARS (Mr. Hyde) ... Hyde 4 11 7
ONLY SON (Mr. E. Short) ... Hammond 4 11 7
0 GOLD LINE (Mr. Cundell) ... Cundell 3 10 2
(The above have arrived.)
402 MAIN ROYAL (Mr. E. Clark) ... Hart 5 12 3
LONE WOLF (Mr. Dollar) ... W. Payne 5 12 3
000 ACE OF DIAMONDS (Mr. J. Gianelli) Shedden 5 12 3
WATER GOD (Mr. Hartigan) M. Hartigan 5 12 3
000 WOODSIDE LAD (Mr. Jeffrey) ... Earl 5 12 3
000 SHIPWRECK (Mr. S. Moss) ... Private 5 11 12
030 TELEPATHY (Mr. Bennett) ... Bennett 5 11 12
002 CROOK HILL (Mr. Berney) ... Private 5 11 12
002 SCOTTISH KNIGHT (Mrs. Brock) Bennett 7 11 12
030 WARWICK (Mr. S. Cohen) ... Tabor 9 11 12
000 BLOOD ROYAL (Mr. Hasper) J. T. Dodd 7 11 12
322 PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) Kemp 7 11 12
300 PROLIFIC (Mr. T. Hartigan) ... Kemp 7 11 12
420 PRIORITY (Sir M. McAlpine) ... Poole 7 11 12
131 COURT BLEDDYN (Miss Poole) Poole 11 11 12
061 SPEEN (Mr. Larkin) ... Larkin 8 11 12
000 SYBARITE (Mr. Poling) ... Smyth 11 11 12
200 RATHCORE (Mr. Ivall) ... Bennett 9 11 12
AQUADULCIS (Mr. Robb) ... Robb 4 11 12
BLACK EAGLE (Mr. Stratton) Stratton 4 11 12
410 PUCK (Sir S. Watts) ... Poole 5 11 12
201 PRIMA DONNA (Mr. W. Guy) Bletsoe 6 11 7
042 TROIKA (Mrs. Stevens) ... Stevens 4 11 7
310 CANTERLAND (Mr. E. Clarke) Savill 3 10 7
000 CRUMPLE (Sir F. Price) ... Gilbert 3 10 7
130 CHERRY BOB (Mr. Bartholomew) J. Kelly 3 10 2
0 NICE ONE (Lady Torrington) ... Souray 3 10 2

2.0—READING 'CHASE of £500. 2 m. 50 yds.
000 CHARLIE WISE (Mr. Raynes) Hastings 6 11 2
(The above has arrived.)
010 LAYMAN (Mr. Cope) ... Newey 8 12 12
313 DEVONPORT (Mr. A. Pole) F. Hartigan 8 12 12
132 THE BLEEKS (Mr. McKevitt) Poole 5 12 7
NEIL BOY (Mr. Gant) ... Tabor 6 11 9
002 WILD TIMES (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 6 11 2
0 CELVIDA (Mr. Falcon) ... Earl 6 11 2
303 TRUSCINO (Mr. Peel) ... Sanday 7 11 2
03 SLOVENLY SAINT (Capt. K. Speed) Jackson 6 11 2
112 NORTH WALTHAM (Mr. J. White) Whitaker 6 11 2
200 CANOPUS (Mrs. D'A. Baker) ... Martin 4 10 12
040 LE CELLIER (Mr. T. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall 4 10 12
242 POLYNIA (Mr. D. Dennis) Hastings 4 10 12
033 KIRKWOOD (Mr. Caudwell) Gilbert 6 10 11
COKE OF NORFOLK (Mr. Harvey) Private 4 10 11
1 PETER THE PIPER (Mr. Whitaker) Whitaker 4 10 11
420 DINAH MORRIS (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 7 10 11
0 RADIO REX (Maj. G. P. Moodie) F. Brown 4 10 8
0 BALLYMENOCH (Maj. Dixon) ... Gore 4 10 7
435 REAHILLS (Mr. H. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 4 10 7
033 BRETHERSDEN MARBLE (Miss Hodocanachi) Powell 4 10 7

2.30—DIDCOT HANDICAP HURDLE of £250. 2 m.
110 DOUBLE UP (Mr. B. Walker) Coulthwaite 6 12 7
100 FURIOUS (Sir F. Price) ... Gilbert 7 12 4
20 HASSOCK (Mr. D. Barnett) ... Earl 4 11 12
400 WHITE HEAT (Mr. C. Stevens) Stevens 5 11 12
104 COUNT ROSS (Capt. S. Wilson) J. Renwick 6 11 11
130 MASCOMBE (Mr. E. Gwilt) ... Gwilt 8 11 11
202 FLAMING SWORD (Lady Watts) Poole 5 11 11
ULULA (Lady Torrington) ... Souray 6 11 10
110 SANS PECHE (Mr. Saunders) Clement 4 11 10
000 HALBERDIER (Lord Denham) ... Poole 7 11 10
000 KING PIPPIN (Mrs. Putnam) ... Poole 4 11 8
132 DOUBLE BED (Mr. Blarrow) Whitaker 6 11 6
50 HIGHLANDER (Mrs. Brownlee) Butchers 5 11 3
101 HONG-KONG (Mr. Waldman) ... Martin 4 11 3
043 BARCEDO (Mr. Holmes) D. Harrison 5 11 2
004 AUBRETIA (Mrs. Huggett) ... Anthony 5 11 2
CHARTERED (Col. FitzGerald) Private 5 10 13
332 NANE SNUGGER (Mr. Rayner) East 4 10 13
312 COMETHER (Mr. Donnelly) ... Gilbert 7 10 8
140 IRISH EAGLE (Mr. Weil) W. Nightingall 5 10 7
104 SQUIRE EBLEGH (Mrs. Russell) T. Leader 5 10 5
000 POLISSON (Mrs. Weeden) ... Larkin 5 10 5
31 RUGELEY (Mr. Gretton) ... Moreton 3 10 0

3.0—UNITED SERVICES' H'CAP 'CHASE of £175. 3 m. (Service riders.)
061 WAVING PIN (Mr. Parish) ... Powell 9 11 10
00 AEDVASAR (Major Green) ... Private 10 10 11
(The above have arrived.)
003 SQUARE DANCE (Mr. G. Thomson) F. Brown 11 12 8
235 ST. ENDAS (Miss Black) ... J. Wood 10 12 8
110 GRENHURST (Lord Westmorland) Westmorland 7 11 13
010 SNIPE'S BRIDGE (Capt. R. Thompson) Pease 9 11 10
121 MARTES (Capt. J. Powell) ... Powell 12 11 10
002 THE COINER (Mr. J. Hogan) ... Hogan 8 11 8
114 PAM NUT (Capt. E. Speed) ... Jackson 10 11 6
000 RED ROOK (Miss Dennis) ... Barthropp 8 11 2
000 BRUTUS III. (Mr. Sanday) ... Sanday 6 11 0
420 OUTLAW (Mr. Personage) ... Bullock 9 10 11
054 DARK DRAGON (Mr. F. Groves) Bletsoe 8 10 11
300 ASHWOOD (Lord Landesborough) H. Brown 9 10 11
302 THE TEMPLE II. (Mr. Bosanquet) Hastings 7 10 9
100 RAGMAN (Mr. Wells) ... Woodland 8 10 9
233 BELLINI (Mr. Birkbeck) ... T. Leader 8 10 7
002 MISS JARLEY (Mr. W. Chapman) Private 10 10 7

3.30—JUVENILE HURDLE of £150. 1½ m.
SUN'S WAY (Lord Glanely) ... S. Bennet 10 10
220 THIEF (Lord Merthyr) ... Powell 10 10
200 SEACRAFT (Mr. Goldwater) ... Hammond 10 5
00 PAVILION (Mr. D. Pender) ... Hastings 10 5
(The above have arrived.)
231 FORMIDABLE (12lb. ex.) (Lord Cawley) Powell 12 1
120 FIRST MAGIC (Mrs. H. Peel) ... Poole 11 8
1 NOCE D'ARGENT (12lb. ex.) (Mr. S. Cohen) Wootton 11 8
14 BORDER RANGER (Mr. Gregson) C. Young 11 3
31 RUGELEY (Mr. Gretton) ... Morton 11 3
001 JUMP FOR JOY (12lb. ex.) (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 11 3
0 DETRITUS (Mr. Baum) ... Martin 10 10
MAPLE SUGAR (Lt.-Colonel C. Birkin) Leach, sen. 10 10
023 BATTLE CRUISER (Mr. Reed) ... Pope 10 10
GLASTONBURY (Mr. Galstaun) ... G. Bell 10 10
30 VALPARAISO (Lord Glanely) ... S. Bennet 10 10
00 VAMBRACE (Mr. Green) ... C. Piggott 10 10
000 TUNMORE (Mr. Harris) ... Hyams 10 10
34 TARA HILL (Mr. H. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 10 10
CHICOT (Mr. King) ... Leach, jun. 10 10
0 SCHOOLGATE (Mr. Lines) ... Lines 10 10
00 GOLD WILLOW (Mr. Miller) ... Earl 10 10
WHITETHREAD (Mr. Miss...) ... Bletsoe 10 10
3 HUNGARIAN (Major Mundy) ... Whitaker 10 10
SUNNY BILL (Mr. Pearse) ... Woodman 10 10
0 MY HOBBY (Sir F. Price) ... Gilbert 10 10
0 BOOKHAM STAR (Mr. C. Stevens) Stevens 10 10
000 PLUS FOURS (Mr. Thorburn) ... Spittle 10 10
042 TRANQUILITY (Mr. Whitehead) W. Nightingall 10 10
4 LANCASTRIAN (Mr. F. Baker) ... East 10 5
000 KILWORTH (Capt. Barnett) ... Barnett 10 5
BROWN POM (Mrs. Bennett) ... Bennett 10 5
0 BIBLOS (Mr. Challenor) ... Gilbert 10 5
02 PERAHARA (Mr. Collins) ... Bennett 10 5
ARGUS (Mr. Colt) ... Private 10 5
040 SECOND CROP (Mr. D. Dennis) Barthropp 10 5
LACKAM (Lord Glanely) ... S. Bennett 10 5
000 LOUVETEAU (Mr. Glasspool) ... T. Leader 10 5
SKYFLIER (Mr. Hare) ... Hare 10 5
0 WHITE DRAUGHT (Mr. Harris) ... Hyams 10 5
TULWAR (Mr. Rich) ... Martin 10 5
BOOKHAM BOY (Mrs. Stevens) ... Stevens 10 5
04 MONTAGUE (Mr. Stratton) ... Stratton 10 5
PESKINE (Mr. Thrale) ... Doyle 10 5
0 NICE ONE (Lady Torrington) ... Souray 10 5
024 ANIMATED (Sir E. Willis) ... De Winton 10 5

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

NEWBURY MEETING.
Theale 'Chase—Providence.
United Services' 'Chase—Hard Nail.
Wroughton Hurdle—Playful.
Andover 'Chase—Henry B.
Lambourne 'Chase—Hard Nail.
Didcot Hurdle—Firing Line.
Newbury Old Year Meeting engagements—Soppe le Haut, Telemachus, Rosmarinus, Desert Rose.
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CAHERDAVIN MEETING.

COURSING IN A SWAMP.

Judge—Mr. Meehan. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

CAHERDAVIN STAKES. For 16 puppies. Winner, £30; second, £12; third and fourth, £3 each.

Mr. J. Frost's Surefoot, a bye; Mr. M. Magner's Flying Bertie, absent.
Mr. James O'Mara's Jim's Pride beat Mr. W. Ryan's Tommie's Fancy.
Mr. J. Lawlor's Killawinna Lass beat Miss Looney's Loranthus.
Mr. S. M'Namara's Gaelic Lass II. beat Dr. O'Connell's Westward Bound.
Mr. J. Sexton's Saving Light beat Mr. J. Barry's Biddy Early.
Mrs. M. Brooks' The Pride beat Mr. William Prendergast's Muz.
Mr. J. J. Foley's Nux Vomica beat Mr. Brown's Clare Colleen III.
Mr. W. Prendergast's Mahomet beat Mr. M. Brouder's Belswagger.

II.
Surefoot, a bye; Jim's Pride, absent.
Gaelic Lass II. beat Killawinna Lass.
The Pride beat Saving Light.
Mahomet beat Nux Vomica.

III.
Gaelic Lass II. beat Surefoot.
Mahomet beat The Pride.

Mr. W. Prendergast's f. d. Mahomet (Petrarch—Modest Beauty II.) beat Mr. S. McNamara's bk. b. Gaelic Lass II. (Victorious Ally—Carty's Girl).

COONAGH STAKES. For 12 all ages. Winner, £40; second, £14; third, £4.

Mr. W. Prendergast's Murphy's Double beat Mr. M. Kennedy's Caherdavin Lass.
Mr. M. J. O'Leary's Odd Legend beat Mr. S. G. Matthew's Mozart.
Mr. W. Dennehy's Political Chief beat Mr. J. Hennessy's Garrymore XIV.
Mr. P. J. Hogan's Heavy Blankets beat Mr. M. Nash's King Karl.
Mr. Sullivan's Convict 533 beat Mr. T. O'Dea's Ryanite.
Mr. J. White's Rathmore Lass beat Mr. W. Ryan's Sunny Bill.

II.
Murphy's Double beat Odd Legend.
Heavy Blankets beat Political Chief.
Convict 533 beat Rathmore Lass.

III.
Heavy Blankets beat Murphy's Double.
Convict 533, a bye.

Mr. P. J. Hogan's f. d. Heavy Blankets (Full Speed—Bouncing Beauty II.) and Mr. S. Sullivan's bk. d. Convict 533 (Clare Boy—Superanza Again) divided.

COOLRAIN STAKES. For 16 two-course maidens. Winner, £20; second, £8; third and fourth, £2 each.

Mr. M. O'Leary's Onward Ally beat Mr. M. Murnane's Matinee.
Mr. E. Hanrahan's Over the Hill VI., a bye; Mr. J. White's Windscreen, absent.
Mr. S. G. Matthew's Minikin beat Mr. P. E. Barry's Mulus.
Mr. J. Hartigan's Legality beat Mr. S. G. Matthew's Marching.
Mr. R. Birrane's Bi-rawn-ac beat Mr. M. Sheehan's Roxboro' Lass.
Mr. T. Ryan's Ballamona II. beat Mr. M. Kelly's Royal Kiber.
Mr. J. M. O'Leary's Overlap beat Mr. Young's Idle Hawk.
Mr. J. O'Mara's Corriga beat Mr. M. Murnane's Lady Adelaide.

II.
Onward Ally beat Over the Hill VI.
Legality beat Minikin.
Bi-rawn-ac beat Ballamona.
Overlap beat Corriga.

III.
Legality beat Onward Ally.
Bi-rawn-ac beat Overlap.

Mr. J. Hartigan's bd. d. Legality (Dick the Liar—La La) was declared the winner, Mr. R. Birrane's f. d. Bi-rawn-ac (Topper III.—Old Pallas Lass) being drawn through distress.

The opening meeting of the Caherdavin Club yesterday on their new ground at Coonagh, a few miles outside Limerick, was almost ruined by the inclemency of the weather, for the rain which made things so unpleasant at Green Park on St. Stephen's Day continued all through the night, and was still coming down when we assembled at Coonagh. The result was the surrounding flats had become veritable swamps, the coursing ground was in patches under water, and had the officials not cut a drain here and there matters would have been ever so much worse, if, indeed, coursing would have been possible at all. We stood all day ankle deep in slush, and what with the added discomfort of an occasional drenching cold drizzle, the sport would have to be uncommonly good to arouse enthusiasm.

In the circumstances, the best that can be said of the coursing was that it was passably interesting. The rain had affected the hares, the ground being in such a state the greyhounds had much the best of it, the casualties being heavy; but there were a number of really good trials when pussy got on to comparatively firm going. The Puppy Stake fell to Mahomet, despite the circumstances that he got a couple of heavy courses, and was well led in the decider by Gaelic Lass II.; but the Coonagh Stakes, although there were only a dozen in it, were divided between Heavy Blankets and Convict 533, the former of which would likely have won out had it been run off. Legality ran a few excellent courses in the Coolrain Stakes, of which he was declared winner, Bi-rawn-ac, after a big course in the semi-final round, being drawn.

CORK MEETING—YESTERDAY.

Judge—Mr. M. F. Davin. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

PUPPY STAKE—For 16 puppies. Winner, £30; second, £12; third and fourth, £3 each.

Mr. P. J. Calhane's Cheerful Chord beat Mr. J. Hoare's Gormlea.
Mr. J. W. O'Brien's Fade Away beat Mr. T. Manning's Gobby Fawn.
Mr. D. Desmond's Ballycurreen beat Mr. M. J. Creed's Patsy Soft.
Mr. D. Desmond's Frankfield beat Mr. J. O'Sullivan's Silent Knight.
Mr. W. M'Sweeney's Silent Victor, a bye; Mr. T. J. Power's Sky Scraper, absent.
Mr. V. O'Connell's Canny beat Mr. M. M'Swiney's Dark Betty.
Mr. T. Watson's Kitty Kelly beat Mr. D. Mullin's The Bodkin.
Mr. J. Kelleher's Knockloona Lass beat Mr. J. P. M'Carthy's Rennie's View.

II.
Fade Away beat Cheerful Chord.
Ballycurreen beat Silent Victor.
Frankfield beat Canny.
Knockloona Lass beat Kitty Kelly.

III.
Ballycurreen beat Fade Away.
Knockloona Lass beat Frankfield.

IV.
Mr. D. Desmond's bd. d. Ballycurreen (Honeyman—Greetings) beat Mr. J. Kelleher's bd. b. Knockloona Lass (Prairie Bird—Lady Georgina).

BLACKROCK STAKE—For 16 all-ages. Winner £30; second, £12; third and fourth, £3 each.

Mr. T. O'Gorman's Wildfire VII. beat Mr. J. Hennerty's Lead 'im Out.
Mr. M. Twomey's Flying Friend beat Mr. V. Connell's Conal Golban.
Mr. J. Jermyn's Lovely Lee II. beat Mr. P. J. Scanlan's Croppy Boy IX.
Mr. J. O'Sullivan's Silent Bertie beat Mr. J. Foley's Faithful Friend.
Mr. A. Watson's Llewellyn's Fancy beat Mr. J. Burke's Lee Girl.
Mr. P. O'Brien's Ocean View beat Mr. D. Rina's Easter Sunday.
Mr. M. Sheehy's Ileen's Fancy beat Mr. T. Greany's Mischievous.
Mr. T. Barry's The Falcon beat Mr. D. O'Connell's Carbery Lass.

II.
Wild Fire VII. beat Flying Friend.
Silent Bertie beat Lovely Lee II.
Ocean View beat Llewellyn's Fancy.
Ileen's Fancy beat The Falcon.

III.
Wild Fire VII. beat Silent Bertie.
Ileen's Fancy beat Ocean View.

IV.
Mr. M. Sheehy's f. b. Ileen's Fancy (Victorious Ally—Eagerness) beat Mr. T. Gorman's bk. d. Wildfire VII. (Prairie Bird—Wild Sea).

BEAUMONT STAKE (No. 1)—For 16 one-course maidens (confined to Cork City and County). Winner, £25; second, £10; third and fourth, £2 10/- each.

Mr. W. Mackesy's Rockfire beat Mr. J. Master's Breeo.
Mr. T. W. Abernethy's Kitty Hastings beat Mr. V. Connell's Conal Cano.
Mr. E. Sheehan's Volga beat Mr. D. C. Forrest's Fox Mac.
Mr. G. O'Sullivan's Hillside Colleen beat Mr. B. O'Connell's At the Top.
Mr. M. Ahern's I'll be There beat Mr. J. Hennerty's White's Beauty III.
Mr. D. Walsh's Warren Wasp beat Mr D. Mullin's Yarn.
Mr. C. Dinneen's Pembroke Boy beat Mr. T. Fleming's Ceolmar.
Mr. T. Donovan's Butler's Lake beat Mr. T. Manning's Heedless Gift.

II.
Rockfire beat Kitty Hastings.
Hillside Colleen beat Volga.
Warren Wasp beat I'll be There.
Pembroke Boy beat Butler's Lake.

III.
Rockfire beat Hillside Colleen.
Pembroke Boy beat Warren Wasp.

IV.
Mr. W. Mackesy's bd. d. Rockfire (Full Speed—Hard Hit) beat Mr. C. Dineen's bd. d. Pembroke Boy (Herbertus—Diamond Lass).

BEAUMONT STAKE (No. 2)—For 16 one-course maidens. Winner, £25; second, £10; third and fourth, £2 10/- each.

Mr. T. Kingston's Minola, a bye; Mr. D. W. Murphy's Kilmichael Boy, absent.
Mr. J. Street's Violence beat Mr. W. Wilson's Westgrove.
Mr. H. O'Donoghue's Diamond Gift beat Mr. J. O'Mahony's Licknavar.
Mr. C. O'Brien's Rathankar Boy beat Mr. J. O'Sullivan's Curravreda Jack.
Mr. M. J. Nunan's Nightlike beat Mr. J. Nunan's Eagle Tail.
Mr. D. Hallissey's Donal Breac beat Mr. P. O'Mahony's Rifleman III.
Mr. D. Desmond's Southern beat Mr. D. Kelleher's Jimmy O.
Miss F. Cronin's Funny Chorus beat Mr. J. Crowley's Little Nancy V.

II.
Minola beat Violence.
Diamond Gift beat Rathankar Boy.
Nightlike, a bye; Donal Breac, drn. (dead).
Southern beat Little Nancy V.

III.
Diamond Gift beat Minola.
Nightlike beat Southern.

IV.
Mr. H. O'Donoghue's bd. d. Diamond Gift (Rocket XXI.—Currabelle II.) beat Mr. M. J. Nunan's bd. w. d. Nightlike (Prairie Bird—Night Fly II.).

The popularity of the Cork meeting was again demonstrated yesterday, when for the holiday fixture the card consisted of four 16-dog stakes, and it was certainly a remarkable performance that the entire programme of sixty courses was got through in slightly under three and a half hours. The weather in the morning was dull, with some rain, but it cleared up as the proceedings were about to start, and remained fine, a large company enjoying what was probably the best coursing ever witnessed at Lakelands. The puppies were a fairly useful lot, but in his progress through the stakes Ballycurreen was only once seriously challenged, and then it was by Fade Away. He had a handicap of an extra course, but in the final with Knockloona Lass he won comfortably, though the loser, profiting by a smart beginning, was at one time showing well in front. The final of the Open Stake provided a thrilling item, and only the judge could say which of Ileen's Fancy or Wild Fire had got the turn. The initial point decided the course for Wild Fire. Mr. Mackesey, one of the hon. treasurers of the club, won the Beaumont (No. 1) Stake with the recently purchased son of Full Speed, and the other Maiden Stake went to Mr. H. O'Donoghue, of Inniscarra.

DONAGHADEE MEETING—TO-DAY

Judge—Mr. J. Lennon. Slipper—A. N. Sloan.

THE DRAW.

ORLOCK STAKES. For 6 all ages.

Mr. J. Shaw's Strangford agst. Mr. H. Mussen's Money for Nothing.
Mr. T. Timmins' Decisive Display agst. Mr. H. B. M'Kaig's Captain Charlie.
Mr. H. Mussen's Make Victory Sure agst. Mr. H. B. M'Kaig's Corrich Castle.

SIX ROAD ENDS STAKES. For 9 dog puppies.

Mr. P. Hanna's Hostage agst. Mr. J. Ross's Railway Jack.
Mr. H. D. Brown's Badly Had agst. Mr. R. Fraser's Fairview.
Mr. T. Timmins's Bar Gossip agst. Mr. L. Semple's Pine Vale Ted.
Mr. R. Fraser's Happy Hal agst. Mr. T. H. Finlay's Faro.
Mr. H. Mussen's Muckamore, a bye.

BELFAST STAKES. For 8 bitch puppies.

Mr. C. Sullivan's Strange May agst. Mr. H. Bell's Betsy Gray.
Mr. W. J. Brown's Lisleen Lass agst. Mr. F. Russell's Countess Fair.
Mr. J. Doran's Sycoleium agst. Mr. B. M'Alinden's Some Victory.
Mr. William O'Neill's Peggy O'Neill agst. Mr. W. J. M'Cann's Madame Mum.

MILLISLE STAKES. For 8 two-course maidens.

Mr. J. Pollock's Donagh D. agst. Mr. M. Bell's Ballyglone Lass.
Mr. C. Sullivan's Strange Peggy agst. Mr. A. Nicol's Nemesis.
Mr. A. Boyd's Three Brothers agst. Mr. A. Heron's Imperial Girl.
Mr. J. Graham's Warren Lass agst. Mr. J. Patton's Princess Eileen.

First brace in slips at 11 o'clock.

THE BOYNE VALLEY MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th.

THE CHRISTMAS STAKES—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £7; second, £3.

Mr. J. Corrigan's Llandudno beat Mr. L. Mongey's Miller's Pride.
Mr. J. Meehan's Trocadero beat Mr. L. Kinsella's Erin's Pride V.II.
Mr. T. Dowd's Lady of the Rose beat Miss B. Moore's Not Equivalent.
Miss P. McAuley's Miss Needle Eye beat Mr. J. Fagan's Old Bailreask.

II.
Llandudno beat Trocadero.
Miss Needle Eye beat Lady of the Rose.

Miss P. McAuley's Miss Needle Eye (Victorious Ally—Just Return) beat Mr. J. Corrigan's Llandudno (Monument—Nilex).

THE DUNMOE PUPPY STAKES—Winner, £3.

Mr. W. Pentony's Humming Bee beat Mr. J. Fagan's Trimgate.
Mr. N. Smith's P.C. 49 beat Mr. J. Poland's Holly Leaves.
P.C. 49 (Jealousy—Ice Cream) beat Humming Bee (Lively Tune—Queen Bee).

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S NEWBURY MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Kroongart.	Prima Donna.	Kirkwood.	Hong Kong.*	Waving Pin.	Perahara.
Man on the Spot	Kroongart.	Prima Donna.	Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.	Waving Pin.	Perahara.
Sporting Life	Kroongart.	Prima Donna.	Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.*	St. Endas.	Tranquility.
Man on the Spot	Kroongart.	Warwick.	Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.*	Grenhurst.	Sun's Way.
Westminster Gazette	Olive Bough.	Prima Donna.	North Waltham.	Flaming Sword.	Snipe's Bridge.	Battle Cruiser.
Daily News	Kroongart.	Prima Donna.	Kirkwood.	Hong Kong.	The Temple II.	Noce D'Argent.*
Daily Chronicle	Olive Bough.	—	N. Waltham; if ab., Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.	Grenhurst.	Noce D'Argent; if ab., Perahara.*
Daily Express	Leighlin Bridge.	Prima Donna.	Dinah Morris; if ab., Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.*	Waving Pin; if ab., Outlaw.	Tranquility (next best)
Daily Mirror	Leighlin Bridge	Prima Donna.	Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.	—	Tranquility.
Daily Graphic	Craganock.	Prima Donna.*	Charlie Wise.	Nane Snugger.	Outlaw.	Border Ranger.
Star	Olive Bough.	Warwick.	North Waltham.	Flaming Sword.*	Waving Pin.	Battle Cruiser.
Evening News	Olive Bough.	Main Royal.*	North Waltham.*	Hong Kong.	Outlaw.	Perahara.
Evening Standard	Kroongart.	Prima Donna.	North Waltham.	Double Bed.	Snipe's Bridge.	Rugeley.
Times	Glorioso.	Puck.	Charlie Wise.	Flaming Sword.	Snipe's Bridge.	Tranquility.
Daily Mail	Kroongart.	Prima Donna.	Charlie Wise.	Hong Kong.	The Temple II.	Perahara.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

HOLIDAY MARKETS. BOOM IN GUINNESS ORD. SHARES. RAILS AND TOBACCOS HARDER.

Business on the Dublin Stock Exchange was resumed yesterday after the Christmas holidays, but there was little or no accumulation of orders either for cash or the new account, except in one or two directions. The outstanding feature was the very special buoyancy of Guinness Ord. Shares on heavy buying for both local and other accounts, and a most important advance was established, with further buoyant strength, at the later market. There was also good support for British Government Funds and Tobacco and Marconi Shares, though, except in the first-named, little business was done. Rails were harder in a limited market.

In the Funds, Consols rose ⅛ to 55¼. War Loan 4 p.c. ½ to 100⅞, Funding Loan ¼ to 86¼, Irish Land 2¾ p.c. ⅜ to 55⅞, and India 3 p.c. ¼ to 55⅞; but War Loan 5 p.c., after being ⅛ lower, closed unchanged at 99⅞. Conversion 3½ p.c. fell ¼ to 75⅞, and Guaranteed 2¾ p.c. Land Stock realised 55¼.

Banks were quietly steady. Munster and Leinsters repeated 6½ and Nationals 20.

The outstanding feature of the day was in Guinness Ord. Shares, which opened ¼ higher at 38, and 38, ⅛, ¼, ⅜ followed, while at the later market 38⅞-⅞ was paid and bid. Dublin Distillers Ord. repeated 20s., and Dunvilles realised 11.

Marconi Ord. rose 1s. 7½d. to 41s. bid, but Canadians were no better than 5s. 6d.

As regards Home Rails, Great Northern rose ¾ to 61¾, and Midland Great Western ½ to 33½, while Dublin and South Eastern City of Dublin Junction Guaranteed realised 55.

In Trams, Dublin United issues were wanted. The Ord. rose ⅛ to 6⅞, and the 3½ per cent. "A" Debs. 1 to 68, while the 3½ per cent. "B" Debs. repeated 68½.

Tyres, Dunlops, Gas, Bakery and Drapery Shares were all idle.

Manufacturing Shares were almost neglected. Spinners fell 6d. to 46s. 3d., and Lever Bros. 7 per cent. Pref. 6d. to 20s. 9d. Imperial Tobaccos rose 1s. to 70s. 3d.

In Trading, etc, E. and J. Burke Ord. rose 6d. to 63s., while Dublin South City Markets repeated 5⅛ and Irish Times 2nd Pref. 14s. 3d.

Shell Transports realised 76s. 10½d., a recovery of 1s. 4½d. a share.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols ......(55¼)	55⅛	Marconi ...(39/4½)	41/-b
5% War Ln..(99¼)	99⅞	Do. Canada	5/6
4% War Ln...(100¼)	100⅞	G.N. Ord......(61)	61¾
Funding Ln...(86⅛)	*86⅛	M.G.W. Ord...(33)	*33½
Conver. Loan..(76¼)	75⅞	D.S.E. Guar.....(57¼)	55
India 3%......(55¼)	*55⅞	Dublin Trams.......(6¾)	6⅞
War Bonds '28.......	105⅞	Do. A Debs.....(67)	*68
War Bonds '29.......	105⅞	Do. B Debs..(68½)	*68½
Guar. Land....(56¼)	55⅞	Spinners ......(46/9)	46/3
2¾% Land Act..(55¼)	55⅞	Lever 7% Pf...(21/3)	20/9
Mun. & Lein. Bank (6½)	6½c	Burke Ord...(62/6)	*63/-
National ......(20)	20	City Market.......(5⅛)	5⅛
Dunvilles	11	*Irish Times* 6½ (14/3)	14/3
Dublin Dist...(20/-)	20/-	Imp. Tob.....(67/9)	70/3
Guinness...(37½)	38c 8¼ ⅜ ⅞	Shells	76/10½

*Odd lot; b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day ...		Jan. 7
General contango day ...		Jan. 8
Ticket day		Jan. 9
Account day	Dec. 28	Jan. 10

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange resumed after the Christmas holidays with a small amount of business. War Loan dealt in at 99⅞ 100, Westminster Bank 17⅛. Belfast Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c. 1953 Stock repeated 74. Great Northern Railway firm at 61½. Belfast Ropeworks Company marked 90 on December 24, a drop of 2. M'Connells Distillery 5 p.c. Pref. unchanged at 4¼. White Tomkins and Courage Ord. repeated 23s. 3d.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—55⅛, ¼, ⅛, ⅜. **3½ p.c. War Loan**—95⅞, ¾, ⅝. **5 p.c. War Loan**—99⅞, ⅞, 100, 99⅞. **4 p.c. War Loan**—96¼, ⅛, 7, 6⅞. **4 p.c. War Loan**—101⅛, ⅛, 1, ⅛, 1, ⅞. **Funding Loan**—86⅛, ¼, ⅛, 7, 6⅞, ⅞, 7. **Victory Bonds**—91⅞, 90⅞. **Conversion Loan**—75⅞, ⅝, ¾. **India 7 p.c. Loan**—114½. **India 4½ p.c.**—85⅛, ⅛. **Australia 6 p.c. Stock**—105; do. 5 p.c. Stock—100⅛, ⅛, ¼, 100. **South Africa 6 p.c.**—104⅛, 4. **Aerated Bread** (x.d.)—26/3, 5/9, 6/1½. **African and Eastern**—28/10½, 9d. **Agwi Petroleum**—13/7½, *12/6, 13/9, 10½d, 14/-. **Amalgamated Cotton**—9/1½, 3d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—35/10½, 6/-, 5/3, 9d., 6d., 3d. **Anglo-Ecuadorian Oil**—29/8¼, 1½d., 30/3¼, *7½d. **Anglo-Persian Oil**—43/9, 5/-, 4/4½, 5/7½; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—22/-, 1½d. **Armstrong**—17/1½. **Assoc. Cement**—19/7½, 9d., 4½d., 6d. **Assoc. Newspapers Def.**—5⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ¼, ⅛. **Baldwins Ord.**—17/6, 18/-, 17/10½, 6d. **Barclays Bank "A"**—7⅛; do. "B"—52/3, 4½d., 3d. **Bovril Def.**—17/6, 7½d. **Brazilian Traction**—45⅛, 6, ⅛, ¼, 5⅞, 6⅛. **British-American Tobacco**—100/3, 99/9, *100/6, 100/-, 99/6. **British Controlled Oil**—5/3, 2¼d.; do. Pref.—6/2¼, 3d., 1½d., 5¼d., 3¾d. **British Oil and Cake**—25/3, 6d., 9d. **Brunner Mond**—36/10½, 1½d., 6d., 7/-. **Bryant and May**—46/3. **B.S.A.**—9/4½, 10½d., 6d. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—80, ⅞. **Buenos Ayres Western Ord.**—71⅛, ⅛, 2½, 2, 1⅝. **Buenos Ayres Pacific**—72, 1½, ⅛. **Burmah Oil**—82/6, 3/1½. **Calico Printers**—30/9. **Canadian Pacific**—*168¼, ⅞, ½, ¼, ⅛. **Central Argentine Cons.**—67⅞, 7, 8, 7½, ⅛, 7. **Coats**—61/9, 7½d. **Cook (St. Paul's) Part. Pref.**—21/3. **Cory (Wm.)**—46/3, 5/6. **Courtaulds**—59/6, 60/-, 59/7½, 10½d., 60/10½, 3d., 4½d. **Crosse and Blackwell**—2/6, 9d., 8½d. **Crosses and Winkworth Pref.**—10/7½, 3d. **Cunard Ord.**—18/6, 7½d., 9d., 6d. **Daily Mail Trust Debs.**—99½, ¼, 9, ⅛, ⅛; do. £80 Paid—80⅛, ⅛, ⅞, *79⅞, 80½, ¼, ⅛. **Dunlop Ord.**—7/7½, 6d. **Dunlop Tire America Debs.**—93⅛. **English Sewing Cotton**—60/6. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—46/9. **Forestal Land**—21/10½, 2/-. **General Electric Ord.**—20/1½; do. Debs.—103½. **Grand Central Rubber**—19/6, 20/-, 19/9, 6d. **Great Western Rail.**—107¼, 8¼, 8, ¼, 7¼, 8, 7⅞; do. 5 p.c. Pref.—99, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 8⅞, 9⅛. **Harrod's Ord.**—32/9, 3d. **Highlands Rubber**—34/-, 3d. **Hudson's Bay Ord.** (x.d.)—5⅛, ⅛. **Imperial Tobacco**—69/4½, 10½d., 70/-, 69/9, 4½d., 1½d.; do. Canada—25/-, 4/6. **Jute Industries**—6/-, 2¼d., 6d. **Kern River Oil**—14/6. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—21/-, 20/10½, 1/0¾, 3d.; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/-, 20/10½, 1/1½. **Linggi Rubber**—32/6, *30/-. **Lloyds Bank**—58/3, 6d., 8/-, *6d. **Lobitos Oil**—6⅛, ⅛. **London Joint City Bank**—8⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **London, Midland, and Scottish Ord.**—104½, *4, 3⅞, ⅛, 4⅛, 3½, ⅛, ½, 4. **London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.**—85⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *4⅛, 5, ⅛, *4⅛; do. Def. Ord.—32⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *⅛, 2. **Malayalam Rubber**—27/6, 7/-, 9d. **Marconi Ord.** (x.d.)—41/6, *4/6, 1/3, 6d.; do. Debs.—105½; do. Canada—5/4½. **Mayfair Def.**—6/1⅛, 6/-, ¼d., 6/-. **Metropolitan Rail.**—72⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Metropolitan District**—54⅛, ⅛. **Mexican Eagle Ord.**—19/1⅛, 19/-, 18/10½, 6d., 11½d., 4½d., 9d., 6d. **Mond Nickel**—36/-. **Nat. Prov. Bank (£3½)**—9⅛; do. (£4)—10⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Nestle 8 p.c. Pref.**—21/6, 7½d., 9d., 2/-, 1/7½. **Nobel Indus.**—20/6, 9d., 7½d., 9d.; do. Pref.—20/3, 20/-, 1½d.; do. Deferred—7/10½; do. Debs.—102¼, 2, *1⅛. **Parent Def.**—*22/-. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.**—25⅛, ⅛, 5. **Phoenix Oil**—17/10½, 18/-, 17/6, 6d., 10½d., 18/1⅛, 17/7½, 11d. **Platt Bros. Ord.**—31/9, 2/2½, 3d. **Royal Dutch**—34⅛, ⅛, 4, 3⅞, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Rubber Trust**—25/3, 7½d., 6/-, 5/8, 10½d., 9d. **Shell**—77/6, *6/3, *5/6, 7/9⅞, 5/3, 5½d., *6/9, 8/9, 7/9⅞. **Smithfield and Argentine**—13/9. **Southern Rail. Pref. Ord.**—84⅛, ⅛, ⅛; do. Def. Ord.—39⅛, 9, ⅛, 8⅞, ⅛. **Spies Petroleum**—3/1⅛, ⅛d. **Sudan Plantations**—6⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Tankers Pref.**—5/3. **Trinidad Central Oil**—7/0¾, 8/9, 7/3, ⅛d. **Turkish Unified**—18⅛. **Underground Elec.**—59/9, 60/-, 1/3, 59/-, 60/-. **Underground Income Bonds**—100, *99⅛, ⅛, 100⅛, 99⅛. **United Dairies**—33/4½. **United of Havana Rail.**—79⅛, ⅛, 80. **United Serdang Rubber**—3/1⅛. **United Tobacco**—61/9. **Uroz Oil**—3/3, 6½d., 7½d. **Vickers**—*14/-, 4½d., 6d., 3d., 1½d. **V.O.C. Holdings**—33/9, 5¼d., 4/4½, 3/5½, 1½d. **Westminster Bank**—17⅛, ⅛.
(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

CITY OF WATERFORD GAS.—5½ p.c. per annum and £4,636 forward. The dividend a year ago was at the rate of 3½ p.c. per annum, and six months ago at the rate of 5½ p.c. per annum.

ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS.—Interim dividend on Def. Shares for quarter of 2/- per share, less tax.

BURGON AND BALL.—Half-year's dividend on Cum. Pref. Shares at 6 p.c., less tax.

CUBAN AMERICAN SUGAR.—Two dividends of 75 cents. per share on Common Stock.

CANADIAN NORTHERN PRAIRIE LANDS CO.—Dividend of 5 p.c. for the half-year ending 31st December, 1923, being at the rate of 10 p.c. per annum.

DEVON ESTATES, MALACCA.—Dividend of 3 per cent. for the year.

EASTERN SMELTING.—Dividend of 7½ p.c. on Ord., less tax.

GLASGOW CORN EXCHANGE.—Interim dividend of 4/- per share, less tax.

GLENBURN HYDROPATHIC.—Dividend of 18 p.c. on the 6 p.c. Pref. Shares for three years to August, 1910.

HOME AND COLONIAL STORES.—Dividends for quarter on 6 p.c. Cum. Pref., 15 p.c. Cum. Pref. and 15 p.c. Cum. Ord. Shares.

NEW ZEALAND AND RIVER PLATE LAND MORTGAGE CO.—Dividend of 3½ p.c., subject to tax, making, with the interim dividend of 3½ p.c., a total distribution of 7 p.c., subject to tax, for the year.

PHILLIPS AND MARRIOTT.—Dividend of 10 p.c. on Ord. Shares and bonus of £1 per share, both free of tax.

PUBLIC HOUSE TRUST (GLASGOW DISTRICT).—Dividend at the maximum rate of 5 p.c., less tax.

SEABROOKE AND SONS.—Dividend on Ord. Shares of 10 p.c. per annum, plus a bonus of 2½ p.c., both free of tax.

On the Christmas dining table of many a Canadian home, says a Montreal message, a joint of Buffalo appeared, and may, indeed, soon become as typical of the festive season as a turkey or a baron of beef.

LONDON STOCKS UNCERTAIN.

A CHEERFUL START.

The Stock Markets opened yesterday morning in a cheerful mood, but with very little business. The end of the year settlement and the political situation were both blamed for this; but, in any event, the continued inactivity began to tell as the day wore on, and at the close there was an easier tendency. In the gilt-edged market British Funds were firm and practically unchanged. The 4 p.c. War Loan rose ⅛ to 101⅛.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES were very little dealt in and the tone remained steady. Brazil Fours of 1889 rose 1 to 40. Japanese Fours of 1905 gained ⅛ at 94⅛.

HOME RAILS had a firm opening, but early advances were lost by the afternoon, and in some cases a decline was marked. London Midland and Scottish Ord. fell a point to 103, while the 4 p.c. Pref. rose 1 to 78½. London North-Eastern Def. Ord. at 32½ lost ⅛, but the 1st Pref. rose 1 to 78½. Metropolitans gained ⅛ at 73⅛, while Districts lost ½ at 51½. Southern Def. Ord. at 38⅛ fell ⅛.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN RAILS were one of the best markets of the day. "Canpacs" gained 1 at 169. Argentines continued to advance. B.A.G.S. rose 1 to 81, Pacifics ½ to 72½, Westerns 1 to 72, and Centrals 1½ to 68. Leopoldinas rose ½ to 21. Mexican 8 p.c. Prefs. gained a point at 26 and United of Havana ½ at 80. Americans advanced generally, rising a point in nearly every case.

OIL SHARES FAIRLY GOOD.

MEXICAN EAGLES STILL A WEAK SPOT.

Oil shares, with few exceptions, displayed firmness yesterday, particularly in the early hours, and although business, which was never on a large scale, slackened later in the day, advances in quotations were fairly general at the close. Among the leaders, Shells provided an outstanding feature, strong buying taking the price up sharply, and although these shares, like most others, finished below the best they still registered an appreciable gain on the day. Royal Dutch were also a good market at an advance. An improving tendency was also noticeable in Anglo-Persians and Burmahs. The one weak spot among the leaders was Mexican Eagles, which was not surprising, having regard to the nature of the latest development reported from the property. At the close the shares registered a substantial fall. Roumanians continued to benefit from the rise in the price of crude oil, Phœnix meeting with a good demand in the early hours. The shares slipped back in the afternoon, but were still slightly higher on the day. Steaua Romana (British) also strengthened, and Trinidad issues provided little of interest. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 24.			
⅞	Agwi Petroleum	⅞	⅞ + ⅛
3⅛	Anglo-American	3⅛	3⅛ + ⅛
1⅛	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅛	1⅛
1⅛	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1	1⅛
21/6	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	21/10½	22/4½ + 0/6
22/3	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	22/3	22/9 + 0/3
2⅛	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	2⅛	2⅛ + ⅛
89	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	88	90
	Apex Trinidad	2⅛	
10/0	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)		
7/6	British Burmah (8/-)	7/0	8/0
5/3	British Controlled	5/1½	5/4½ + 0/1½
6/3	Do. Pref.	6/1½	6/4½ + 0/1½
4⅛	Burmah	4⅛	4⅛ + ⅛
23/9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/0
1/7½	Caltex	1/6	1/9
	Dacia Romano	⅛	⅛
4⅞	Eagle Transport	4⅛	5⅛
102½	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	103
103½	Do. Bearer	103	104
4/0	General Pet. Trinidad A.	4/0	4/6
	Indo Burmah	0/3	0/6
14/9	Kern River (10/-)	14/4½	14/10½ − 0/1½
6⅞	Lobitos	6⅛	6⅛
19/0	Mexican Eagle	18/0	18/6 − 1/0
19/0	Do. Pref.	17/9	18/3 − 1/0
13/0	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	12/9	13/3 − 0/1½
⅛	North Caucasian (10/-)	⅛	
	Oilfields Egypt	1/0	1/6
	Peru Syndicate	1/6	2/6
17/3	Phœnix	17/3	17/9 + 0/1½
1/1½	Premier Oil	2/0	3/0
	Roumanian Consolidated	11/9	12/3
33⅞	Royal Dutch	33⅞	34 + ⅜
/10½	Scottish American	0/9	1/0
3⅞	Shell Transport	3⅞	3⅞ + ⅛
9⅞	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅞	9⅞ + ⅛
23/0	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.		
2/9	Spies (10/-)	22/9	23/3
7/6	Steaua Romana	2/9	3/3 + 0/3
5/0	Tankers Pref.	7 4½	7/10½ + 0/1½
	Trinidad Central	4/9	5/3 + 0/1½
	Trinidad Lease	1⅛	1⅛
	United Brit Trinidad	6/0	6/6 + 0/3
1⅞	Ural Caspian		⅛
1⅛	Uroz Oil	3/3	3/9 + 0/3
1⅛	V.O.C. Holdings	1⅛	1⅛
1⅛	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛

RUBBER SHARES BETTER.

The Rubber share market yesterday showed something of a recovery, for there were quite a good number of gains, some being substantial. Malaccas rose 5s. 7½d. to 36s. 3d., Grand Central at 19s. 6d. rose 1s. 6d., Tamiang gained 2s. at 26s., Linggi at 31s. rose 1s., Straits Rubber at 19s. 6d. gained 1s. 3d., as did Tandjong at 32s. 6d. Mooply Valley fell 1s. 7½d. to 19s. The price of raw rubber rose to 14⅛d. per lb. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 24.			
4/6	Anglo-Dutch	35/7½	+0/4½
2/3	Anglo-Java	2/4½	
1⅛	Anglo-Malay	10/9	−0/3
4/4½	Bertam Cons.	4/1½	−0/2½
2/7½	Bukit Mertajam	2/8½	
1/7½	Bukit Sembawang	1/7	−0/0½
	Damansara	15/0	+0/6
19/0	Grand Central	19/6	+1/6
1⅛	Highlands	34/0	+0/9
2/6	Kamuning	2/4½	−0/3½
4/3	Kepong	4/4½	
1⅛	Kuala Lumpur	35/0	
1⅛	Labu	27/3	
	Linggi	31/0	+1/0
3/4½	London-Asiatic	3/9	−0/0½
1⅛	Malacca	36/3	+5/7½
20/9	Malayalam	27/6	+0/9
2/7½	Merlimau	2/8½	+0/2½
1⅛	Mooply Valley	19/0	+1/7½
2/3	Port Dickson	2/3	
15/0	Rubber Trust	23/9	+0/9
1⅛	Seafield	14/4½	
1⅛	Senadyan	35/0	
	Sialang	31/3	+0/3
19/6	Straits Rubber	19/6	+1/3
20/6	Tali Ayer	20/0	
1⅛	Tandjong	32/6*	+1/3
3/3	Un. Serdang	3/4½	
3⅛	United Sua Betong	62/6	
11/0	Vallambrosa	11/9	+0/3

Anglo-Sum.	49/6	N. Hummock	18/7½
Bah Lias	25/9	P.P.K.(C'yl'n)	19/6
Batu Tiga	36/3	Pataling	16/10½
B.N.B.R.Trst	10/0	Pilmoor	18/7½
Brieh	1/7	Rim Malacca	3/0
Bukit Cloh	3/6	Rub.E.Johore	22/7½
Bukit Rajah	20/0	Sapong	20/3
Castlefield	4/6	Sapumalk'de	21/0
Cheviot	2/10½	Selangor	4/3
Cicely	4/3	SerdangC'n'l	24/0
Eastern Trust	15/6	Soember Aloe	1/9
Gen.Ceylon	24/0	Sumatra Con.	19/4½
Glenbervie	22/6	Sungei Buaya	27/6
Golden Hope	21/6	Sungei Choh	15/7½
Java Amal.	22/6	Sungei Kapar	3/8½
Kapar Para	39/9	Sungei Kr. Pf.	35/0
Kasintoe	10/0	Taiping	1/4½
Kepitigalla	7/6	Tebrau	29/6
Kombok	2/0½	Teloogoredjo	36/3
Langkat Sum	26/3	Tempeh	0/9
Ledbury	26/3	Un. Temiang	2/7½
Lanch'ier N B	20/0	Yam Seng	2/0
Membakut	10/0		

*Ex Div. †Ex Rights. ‡Cum div.

TRAFFICS.

Colombian Northern Railway, October, net £4,490, decrease £199; Mersey Railway, week to December 22, £4,476; Canadian Pacific Railway, week to December 21, $4,305,000, increase $735,000; Central Argentine Railway, week to December 22, £192,000, increase £1,000; Salvador Railway, week to December 22, £3,751, increase £357; Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway, week to December 23, £50,765, increase £18,625; Zafra and Huelva Railway, November, £10,585, decrease £2,460; Entre Rios Railways, week to December 22, £23,400, increase £3,200; Argentine North-Eastern Railway, week to December 22, £9,600, increase £100; Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway, week to December 22, £162,000, decrease £6,000; Leopoldina Railway, week to December 22, £27,899, decrease £2,059; Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway, week to December 22, net £105,000, decrease £9,000; Buenos Ayres Western Railway, week to December 22, £52,000, decrease £14,000; Central Uruguay Railway, week to December 22, £31,512, increase £1,125; Central Uruguay, Eastern, week to December 22, £6,575, increase £624; Central Uruguay, Northern, week to December 22, £3,201, decrease £233; Central Uruguay, Western, week to December 22, £3,292, increase £233; Cordoba Central Railway, week to December 22, £61,000, increase £3,700; United Railways of Havana, week to December 22, £61,700, increase £3,842; Nizam's State Railways, week to December 1, Broad Gauge, Rs.229,070, increase Rs.36,375; Hyderabad Godavery Valley, Rs.146,166, increase Rs.13,114; Secunderabad-Gadwal, Rs.11,191, increase Rs.183; Hingoli Branch, Rs.3,371, decrease Rs.1,382; Calcutta Tramways, week to December 22, Rs.139,475, increase Rs.50,919. Underground Electric Railways—Underground Group Common Fund Companies, week ended December 22, 1923, £239,057, decrease £5,045; London and Suburban Traction Group, £39,921, decrease £6,956.

IRISH TRAFFICS.

Great Northern Railway Co. (Ireland).—Week ended December 21, 1923:—Passengers—£21,050 (£20,750); increase, £300. Goods—£26,850 (£21,350); increase, £5,500. Total—£47,900 (£42,100); increase, £5,800. Aggregate for 51 weeks—£2,135,900 (£2,044,100); increase, £91,800. (Figures in parentheses are the adjusted receipts for the corresponding period in 1922.)

Belfast and Co. Down Railway.—Week ending December 21, 1923:—Passengers, etc., £4,107; merchandise, etc., £1,315; total £5,422. Aggregate Receipts:—Passengers, etc., £264,768; merchandise, etc., £64,033; total, £328,801.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	55-56	3½% Conv.Ln.	75⅞-76⅛
War Ln.3½%	95⅞-96	Irish Land2¾%	55-57
do. 4½%	96⅞-97⅛	India 3%	55⅞-56⅛
do. 5%	99⅞-100	do. 3½%	65-66
do. 4% (Tax free)	101-102⅛ ⅛	do. 4½%	99⅛-100⅛
Fund's Ln.	86⅛-87⅛	do. 7%	114-116
Victory Bds.	90⅞-91⅛	Local Loans	64-65
		Sudan 5½ p.c.	107-109*

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	97-99	Nigeria 6%	111-113*
Aust.Com.5½%	99-101	Q'sland 4,1940-50	79-81
do. 6%	104-106	do. 4½, 1920-5	98-99
Brit.Col 6⅛ 1941	91-93*	do. 6% 1930-40	103-5
Canada 4%	87-89	S. Africa 4% Cns	86-88
do. 4½ 1920-5	100-101	do. 5%	107-108
Cape 3½ Cons	75-76*	S.A'stral'n4,'40-60	83-85
Ceylon 6%	106-7*	do. 5½%	100-102
Natal 3½ '34	81-83	do. 6½%	106-8
N.S.W.4½1922-7	98-99*	Victoria 4,1940-60	81-87
do. 5½ 1922-7	99-101*	do. 5½% 1923-5	100-2*
do. 5½% 1922-32	99-101*	W.Aust'n4% 42-62	83-85
do. 6½% 1930-40	105-8	do. 5½% 1930-40	102-104
N.Zeal'd4, '29	97-99		

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U. Dec. 24.				
—	Atchison	110	112	+1
—	Baltimore	66	68	
—	Chesapeake	80	82*	+1
—	Chicago Milwaukee	14	16	+1
24½	Erie	14	16	+1
—	Do. 1st Pref.	24½	25½	+⅛
—	New York, Ontario	33	35	+1
42	Southern Common	17	19	
—	Do. Pref.	42	44	+1
—	Southern Pacific	76	78	+1
—	Union Pacific	99	101	+1
		146	148	+1

BRITISH RAILS.

108	Great Western	107¼	108¼	
103¼	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	102¼	103¼	−1
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	77	80	+1
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	98	101	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923.	78	79	
84¼	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	84½	85¼	
32¼	Do. Def. Ord.	32	32½	−⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	77	80	+1
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	75	78	
72	Metropolitan	72	73	+⅛
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	94	97	
85	Do. District	50	52	−⅛
84¼	Southern Pref. Ord.	84	85	
38	Do. Def. Ord.	38	39	−⅛
35	Do. "A"	34½	35½	
11	Do. "B"	10½	11½	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96	99	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. 1924	97	100	
3	Underground Electric	2⅞	3⅛	
99¼	Do. Income Bonds	99	101	
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106*	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

83½	Antofagasta	82½	84½	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	70½	72½	
—	Bahia Blanca	77	79	
—	Brazil Railway Common.	⅛	1⅛	
79¼	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	80	82	+1
71½	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	71½	73½	+⅛
71	Buenos Ayres and W.	71	73	+1
167	Canadian Pacific	168	170	+1
66½	Central Argentine	67	69	+1½
44½	Central Uruguay	44	46	
—	Entre Rios	15	17	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	66	68	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	79	81*	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	46	49	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	79	81*	
20	Leopoldina	20	22	+⅛
8¼	Mexican Rails	8	9	
25¼	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25	27	+1
15	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	15	17	
2	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.	4	6	
2	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	1½	2½	
133	San Paulo Ord.	131	135	
79½	United Havana	79	81	+⅛

FOREIGN BONDS.

100	Argentine, 1886	99	101	
72¼	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	72	74	
86¼	Do. 5 p.c., 1909	85	88	
39	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	39	41	+1
80¼	Do. Funding, 1908	80	82	
67¼	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	67	69	
92¼	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	92	94	
79¼	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	78	80	
86	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	85	87	
94	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	93	95	
73¼	Egyptian Unified	73	75	
23¼	French Loan	23¼	24¼	
18¼	Do. 4 p.c.	18¼	19¼	
13/6	German 3 p.c.	⅛	⅛	
19¼	Italian Rentes	19	21	
94¼	Japanese 4½ p.c. 1st	108	110	
81¼	Do. 4 p.c., 1905	94	96	+⅛
85	Do. New 5 p.c., 1907.	83	85	
85	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	63	65	
25¼	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	2⅛	3	
22¼	Peruvian Corporation	24¼	25¼	
33¼	Do. Pref.			
110	Do. Deb.	61	63	
72	Portuguese 3 p.c.	108	110	
85¼	San Paulo 6 p.c.	71	73	
	Spanish 4 p.c.	85¼	86¼	
	Uruguay 3½ p.c.			

BANKS.

—	Agricultural of Egypt	7⅛	7⅛	+⅛
—	Anglo-South American	6⅞	7⅛	
—	Australasia	12⅛	13⅛	−⅛
—	Bank New South Wales	24	26*	
—	Bank of New Zealand	2⅛	2⅛	
—	Barclays "A"	7⅛	7⅛	
—	British of Foreign Trade	⅞	1⅛	
—	British Overseas	5	5⅛	
—	Canadian of Commerce	40	42	+1
—	Chartered of India	19⅛	19⅞	
—	Hong Kong	124	126	
—	Lloyds	57/9	58/9	+0/3
—	Midland	8⅛	8⅛	
—	National Discount "B"	7⅛	7⅛	
—	National Prov. (£4 p.)	10⅛	10⅛	
—	Royal Bank of Canada	46	48*	
—	Standard South Africa	10⅛	10⅛	
—	Union of Australia	10⅛	11⅛	
—	Westminster Bank	17⅛	17⅛	+⅛

TELEGRAPHS.

22	Anglo-American Def.	22	23½	
2⅛	Marconi Wireless Ord.	2	2⅛*	
1⅛	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛*	
—	Do. Debs.	104	106	
1⅛	Do. Marine	1⅛	1⅛	
5/3	Do. Canada	5/0	5/6 + 0/3	
—	Oriental Telephone	1⅛	1⅛	
18/0	Radio Corporation	18/1½	18/7½	
18 0	Do. Pref.	17/4½	17/10½	

MISCELLANEOUS.

—	Aboukir Land	1	1⅛	+⅛
25/6	Aerated Bread	26/0	26/6	
28/0	African and East. Trade	27/0	28/0	+0/0
20¼	Alliance	21½	21½	+⅛
21½	Allsopp £1 Shares	1⅛	1⅛	
66½	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	66	70	
9/9	Amalgamated Cotton	8/9	9/0	+0/3
3¼	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	3	3⅛	
2⅛	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
21/0	Argentine Northern Land	20/6	21/0	
16/0	Do. Southern Land	1⅛	1⅛	
16/3	Armstrong (W. G.)	16/3	17/0	+0/4½
19/3	Associated Cement	19/6	20/0	
17/6	Do. Pref.	16/9	17/9	
5⅛	Assd. Newspapers Def.	5⅛	5⅛	+⅛
—	Bartholomay Pref.			
92	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.			
—	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
45/6	Bleachers	1⅛	1⅛	+⅛
16/0	Borax Con. Def.	2⅛	2⅛	
27/3	Bovril Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
45	Brazilian Traction	45	47	+1
2/3	British Portland Cement	1⅛	1⅛	
46/0	B.S.A.	9/0		
30/0	British Cellulose Ord.	7/4½	7/10½	−0/3
16/3	British Oil and Cake			
84¼	B.N.B. Land			
	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	85½	88	
	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	36/0		
36/3	Brunner Mond	46/0	46/6	+1/0
46/0	Bryant and May	20/0	21/0	
20/0	Bradford Dyers	100/0	101/0	+0/6
—	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	1⅛	1⅛	
30/0	British Glass	1⅛	1⅛	+⅛
14/9	Calico Printers	1⅛	15/6	+0/6
16/0	Cammell Laird	3⅛	3⅛	+⅛
61/0	Cargo Fleet	3	3⅛	
60/0	Coats	3⅛		
—	Courtaulds	20/0	21/0	+0/1½
2/9	Court Line	2/9	3/0	+0/3
	Crosse and Blackwell			
7/6	Cunard Ord.	28½	29½	
105	De La Rue Deb.	7/0	8.0	
	Dunlop Rubber	102	107	
15/3	Do. Deb.	97½	98½	+⅛
	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	15/0	16/0	
20/3	Dorman Long	19/0	20/0*	
46/9	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	16/3	17/9	
22/0	English Electric	2⅛	2⅛	
	English Sewing Cotton	2⅛	2⅛	
19/6	Fine Spinners	1⅛	1⅛	
	Forestal Land	19/0	20/0	
178	Furness Withy	102	104	
—	General Electric Ord.	370	380	
—	Do. Debs.	117	122*	
32/6	Guinness	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
5¼	Gramophone Ord.	101	103*	
69/6	Harrods	5⅛	5⅛*	
17/6	Hoyle Deb.	68/6	70/0	+0/9
12/0	Hudson's Bay Ord.	17/0	18/0	
7⅛	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	11/6	12/6	
20/0	John Brown	7	8	
	Do. (15/- paid)	20/6	21/6	+0/3
27/0	Lautaro Nitrate	105	107	
1⅛	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	94	96	
29/0	Do. 7 p.c. Debs.	1⅛	1⅛	
	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	1⅛	1⅛	
28/0	Lipton	1⅛	1⅛	
3⅛	Lyons (J.)	1⅛	1⅛	
31/0	Lagunas Nitrate	3⅛	3⅛	+⅛
	Linen Thread Ord.	31/0	33/0	+0/9
6/0	Lister Ord.	29/3	30/3	+0/9
	Liverpool Nitrate	6/0	6/3	
30	London Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
75	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	29	32	
	Maypole Def.	68	71	
15/0	Mond Nickel Pref.	59	62	
20/3	Mexican Trams	14/6	15/6	
20/3	Do. Bonds	20/0	21/0	
	Do. L. and P. Bonds	19/6	20/6	
7⅛	Niger Pref.	7/3	8/0	
14/0	Nobel Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
20/0	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	−⅛
	Do. Def.	275	285*	
7/6	Parent Tyre Def.			
	Do. Ord.	16/0	17/0	
31/6	Pease and Partners	31/9	32/3	+1/0
	P. and O. Def.	63	65	
21/0	Pekin Syndicate	1⅛	1⅛	
27/6	Peter Walker Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
30/0	Platt Bros. Ord.	30/0	31/0	+0/6
22/0	Royal Mail Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
55/3	Rio Negro Lands	2⅛	2⅛*	
90	Rolls Royce	95	100	
22/0	Rosario Nitrate			
20¼	Salt Union	1⅛	12*	
1⅛	South Durham Steel	1⅛	2⅛	+⅛
2⅛	San Paulo Tram Deb.	1⅛	2⅛	+⅛
62/0	South African Breweries			
	Shawinigan Water Debs.			
18/0	Santa Rita Nitrate			
	Santiago Nitrate			
	Salar del Carmen			
	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.			
1⅛	Siemens	1⅛	1⅛	
	Smithfield Arg. Meat	1⅛	1⅛	
14/0	Spratt's Patent	4⅛	4⅛	
	Tilling Ord.	14/0	15/0	
	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
9/3	Tarapaca Nitrate	9/3	10/3	+0/6
13/6	Union Cold Storage Pref.	13/9	14/9	+0/3
1⅛	United Alkali	1⅛	1⅛	+⅛
	United Steel	4⅛	4⅛	
	Vickers Ord.	19/6	20/0	
14/0	Van Den Berghs	1⅛	1⅛*	
	Do. Pref.			
	Walker (John) Pref.			
	Wallpaper Def.			
	Wearside Iron C.P.O.			

* Ex div. † Ex bonus. ‡ Ex rights.

CANADIAN CATTLE EXPORTS.

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

MONTREAL, Thursday.

Trade quiet; prices weak. Sailings to Liverpool, per Michigan—Cattle, 850. To Glasgow, per Lakonia—Cattle, 401. To Dundee, per Victor—Cattle, 260. To Antwerp, per Essex County—Cattle, 165. Total cattle, 1,685.

LONDON MINING MARKET FIRM.

RANDFONTEIN AND ROBINSON DEEP "B" STRONG.

Holiday influences were still at work in the Stock Exchange on the resumption of business yesterday, and the attendance of members was somewhat thin. Nevertheless, the tone in the Mining market was quite firm, and although the announcement of one failure cast a gloom over the "House," there was still a fair amount of business passing in the leading counters, and prices generally held up well. Some of the leaders were easier, but Randfontein and Robinson Deep B were strong, and Union Corporation, West Springs, and West Springs Options, Durban Deep, and several of the low-priced descriptions were decidedly harder. In the Rhodesian department there was a recrudescence of buying, and Sherwood Starr, Rezende, Cam and Motor and Eileen Alannah were all appreciably higher. Chartered were dullish, and there were inquiries for one or two others. In the Diamond list, De Beers Defd. and Jagersfontein were on offer, the former losing ground considerably, and Consolidated Diamonds were dullishly inclined. West Africans were neglected, but among Australians, Associated came into good request, and moved up. Tintos, among Coppers, were dull on Paris advices, that centre being perturbed by the low value of the franc. Russians were left to themselves, but in the Miscellaneous section San Francisco were wanted and again improved, and Burma Corporation were a harder market; but Kirkland Lake eased the turn, and other Canadians were quiet. Dome Mining recovered sharply. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 21.		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅛-1⅛
15/0	Anglo-French	14/9-15/9 −0/3
3⅛	Brakpan	3⅛-3⅛ −⅛
3⅛	Cent. Mining (£8)	8⅛-9⅛ −⅛
3⅛	City Deep	3⅛-3⅛
1⅛	Con. Goldfields	18/3-19/3
1⅛	Cons. Main Reef	9/6-10/0
12/3	Cons. Seleo. (10/-)	12/6-14/0
2⅛	Crown Mines (10/-)	2⅛-2⅛ −⅛
17/0	Durban Deep	16/9-17/9 +0/3
8/9	E. Rand Mining	8/6-9/6
8/9	E. Rand Prop.	8/0-8/6 −1½
3⅛	Geduld	3⅛-3⅛
12/9	Gen. Mining	12/9-13/3
11/0	G.M. Investment	10/9-11/3
⅞	Government Areas	6⅞-⅞ −⅛
9/3	H.E. Prop.	9/3-9/9
10/0	Johan'burgInvest	30/3-30/9
17/6	Kleinfontein	5/6-6/0 +0/3
13/6	Knight's	18/9-19/9 +0/6
23/0	Langlaagte Estate	22/9-23/3
3⅛	Meyer & Charlton	3⅛-3⅛
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/-)	4⅛-4⅛
1⅛	Modder B (5/-)	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/-)	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Modder East	7⅛-8⅛
3/0	New State Areas	1⅛-1⅛ −⅛
6/3	Nigel	6/3-6/9 −0/3
12/6	Nourse Mines	12/6-14/3 +0/3
2⅛	Rand Mines (5/-)	2⅛-2⅛ −⅛
19/0	Randfontein	19 6-20/0 +0/6
12/6	do. Central	12/0-12/6 +0/6
1⅛	Rob'son Dp.A (1/-)	1⅛-1⅛
26/0	Robinson Dp. B	26/3-26/9 +0/9
14/3	Rose Deep	14/0-14/6
1⅛	S.A. Gold Trust	1⅛-1⅛
3⅛	Springs Mines	3⅛-3⅛
12/3	Sub Nigel	12/3-12/9
3⅛	Trans. and Del. B.	2⅛-2⅛
16/0	Trans-Con.L. (15/-)	16/0-17/0
29/0	Union Corp. (12/6)	29/9-30/3 +0/6
19/9	Van Ryn	19/9-19/9 +0/3
3⅛	Van Ryn Deep	3⅛-3⅛
18/0	Vereeniging	17/6-18/6
12/6	Village Deep	12/6-13/0
23/0	West Springs	23/9-24/3 +0/6
10/0	Do. Options	9/6-10/6 +1/0
	Witwatersrand Deep	16/6-17/0

RUSSIAN.

3⅛	Lena Gold	⅛-⅛
7/0	RussoAsiat.Cons	7/3-8/0
3⅛	Russian Mining	⅛-⅛
⅛	Siberian Props.	⅛-⅛
⅛	Spassky	⅛-⅛

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 21.		
5/9	Bechuanaland Ex.	5/6-6/0
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2⅛-2⅛ +⅛
12/9	Chart'd B.S.A.	12 9-13/0 −1/0
4/0	Falcon	4/6-5/0 +0/7
15/0	Gaika Gold	15/0-15/6
15/3	Globe & Phœnix (5/-)	15/0-15/6
6/6	Gold F. Rho. (10/-)	6/3-6/9
1⅛	Lonely Reef	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	Rezende	2⅛-2⅛ +⅛
4/9	R. Broken Hill (5/-)	4/9-5/0 +1/3
9/3	Selukwe	9/3-10/3
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1⅛
2	Sherwood Starr	2⅛-2⅛ +⅛
16/0	Tanganyika	16/1-16/3 +0/6
20/6	Vic. Falls Ord.	20/0-30/0
28/0	do. Pref.	28/6-29/6
12/0	Wankie Col. (10/-)	7⅛-1
9/3	Zambesia Explor.	9/6-10/0 +0/3
—	Zambesia Min. D.	⅛-⅛

DIAMOND.

⅞	Angola Diamond	⅞-⅞
⅞	Con. D. S. W. A.	17/0-18/9 −0/3
11⅛	De Beers Def.	11⅛-11⅛ −⅛
11⅛	do. Pref.	11⅛-11⅛
2⅛	Jagersfontein	2⅛-2⅛ −⅛
7⅛	N. Val River	⅛-⅛
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	7-7⅛

AUSTRALIAN.

1	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1⅛*
10/9	Associated	11/0-11/6 +0/6
1⅛	Brit. Australian	1⅛-1⅛
25/0	Broken Hill Prop.	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	B. Hill Sth. (New)	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	B. Hill, Block 10	2-2⅛
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅛-1⅛
3⅛	Ivanhoe	⅛-⅛
15/3	Lake View (10/-)	14/9-15/6 −0/
3⅛	North Broken Hill	3⅛-3⅛
13/3	Sulphide Ord.	1⅛-1⅛
13/6	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	13/0-14/0
2⅛	do. Pref.	2⅛-2⅛

WEST AFRICAN.

⅛	Akim	⅛-⅛
7/6	Ashanti Gold (4/-)	7/3-7/9
9/1½	Fanti Cons. (8/-)	9/0-9/6
15/9	Gold Coast Amal.	15/9-16/3
4/0	Taquah Explor.	3/9-4/3

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 21.		
14/6	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	14/6-15/0
3⅛	Aramayo Francke	3⅛-3⅛
6/0	East Pool (5/-)	6/3-6/9
1⅛	Gopeng	1⅛-2 +⅛
17/0	Ipoh	16/6-17/6 −0/3
1⅛	Kramat Pulai	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Malayan T.D.	1⅛-1⅛
13/6	Mongu	13/6-14/0
16/6	Naraguta	16/0-17/0
2/0	Nigerian Tin (5/-)	1/9-2/3
10/0	Pahang (5/-)	9/0-10/0
19/4½	Rambutan	⅞-1
1⅛	Renong	1⅛-1⅛
10/6	Ropp (4/-Shares)	10/6-11/0
2⅛	Siamese	2⅛-2⅛
5⅛	South Bukeru	5/6-6/0
1⅛	Tronoh	1⅛-1⅛

COPPER.

17/0	Arizona (5/-)	1⅛-1⅛
⅛	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅛-⅛
9 0	Mount Morgan	8/6-9/6
20/9	Mount Lyell	1-1⅛
1⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅛
10/6	New Guinea	10/9-11/0
20⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	30-30⅛ −⅛
12/3	S. American (2/-)	12/0-12/0

MISCELLANEOUS.

14/0	Brit. Platinum	13/3-14/3
9/6	Burma Corp.	9/0-9/6 +0/3
2/0	Chemical and Met.	2/0-3/0
4/0	Colombian Mining	3/9-4/3
—	Colombian Props	19/6-20/6
4/3	Cordeross Synd.	4/0-4/6
1⅛	Huronian Belt	1⅛-1⅛
7/3	Keeley Silver	7/3-7/9
3/6	Kirkland Lake	3/3-3/9 −0/
1⅛	Mexico Mines	4⅛-5⅛
4⅛	Minerals Separ't'n	3⅛-4
12/9	Min.Corp.of Can	12/9-13/3
10/6	Mysore (10/-)	10/0-11/0
1/6	Nat-Min.(10/-pd.)	2/9-3/3
1⅛	New Chuquitambo	⅞-1⅛
8/6	Nundydroog	8/3-8/9
13/0	Ooregum	12/6-13/6
1⅛	Oroville	1⅛-1⅛
18/3	St.John Del Rey	17/6-18/6
22/3	San Francisco (10/-)	22/3-23/9 +0/3
8/3	Santa Gertrudis	8/6-9/0
—	S. Amer G. Areas	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Waihi Gold	1⅛-1⅛

*Ex Dividend. †Ex. Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-American Corp.—25/-, 11½d., 9d. **Brakpan**—70/11½, 1/3, 70/11½. **British South Africa (Chart.)**—12/9, *6d., 8¼d., 10½d. **Cam and Motor**—53/1½, 2/2½, 2/6, 9¼d., 1/10½, 6¼d. **Central Mining**—9⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **City Deep**—63/1½, 2/6, 2/-, 4½d., 1/10½. **Consol. Gold Fields**—18/9, *18/-, 19/-, *7½d., *17/9, 18/9, 19/-. **Consol. Mines Selection**—13/11½. **Corderoy**—4/3¼, 4½d., 3¼d., 3d., 3½d. **Crown Mines**—*67/6, 8/9, 9/-, 4½d. **Durban Rood. Deep**—17/10½, *9d., 18/6, 19/-, 18/4½. **East Rand Prop.**—6/3, ⅛d., 2¼d., 1½d., 3¼d., 6d., 3¼d. **Eileen Alannah**—5/6, 8¼d., 6/3, 6d., 3d. **Esperanza**—3/6. **Geduld**—64/0¼, 3/1½, 9d., 4/0¾. **Government Areas**—6⅛, ⅛. **Johannesburg Invest.**—30/7½, 9d., 29/9, 30/1½, 9d., 4½d. **Langlaagte**—23/3. **Modderfontein B (5/- shares)**—28/9, 5¼d., 6d., 5½d. **Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)**—44/4½. **New Kleinfontein**—5/9. **New Modderfontein**—84/8½. 5/-. **Nourse**—14/3, 1½d., 2½d. **Rand Mines**—58/1½, 3d., 7/6. **Randfontein Central**—11/4½. **Randfontein Estates**—19/4½, 6¾d., 7½d., 20/1½, 20/-, 19/9, 6d. **Robinson Deep A**—*39/-, 6/10½, 8/9; do. B—26/-, 1½d., 3d., 6d., 7½d., 4½d. **Rose Deep**—14/6. **Russo-Asiatic**—8/-, 7½d., 11½d., 11d., 8/0½, *7/6. **Selukwe Gold**—*10/-, 9/10½, 10½d. **Springs**—54/4⅛, 5/-, 4/0¼, 4/-, 3d., 4½d. **Tanganyika**—16/-, 3d. **Union Corporation**—30/3, 3d. **Van Ryn**—19/6, 3d., 1½d., 4½d. **Van Ryn Deep**—67/6, 8/1½, 6/10½, 7/6. **Village Deep**—12/9, *3d., 13/-, 12/6. **West Springs**—24/6, 24/-, 3d., 1½d., 3/10½.
(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

INDUSTRIALS QUIET.

PRICES REMAIN FIRM.

Quiet conditions marked the resumption of dealings in the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday, business being on a very small scale. A firm tone was in evidence, and higher levels were the rule, mainly as a result of buying on a market short of stock. The outstanding feature was the strength of Manbre Sugar Def., which met with fresh support and finished ½ better on the day at 8. Elsewhere in the Miscellaneous section, Brunner Monds were wanted, and Wall Paper Def. responded to a demand. Stores were inclined to harden, as were also Breweries, Hotels, Caterers and Foodstuffs. Fresh support was forthcoming for Iron and Steels, where higher levels were the rule, Lambert Bros. showing to advantage, while Vickers appreciated. Shipping shares were featureless. Electrics and Cables revealed some irregularity, but the Marconi group remained steady. Nitrates displayed firmness, several advances being recorded. Insurances had a firm appearance. Renewed support was forthcoming for Dyestuffs Prefs. and Def. The former finished 6d. higher at 13s. 3d., while the latter was 9d. up at 7s. 3d. Bleachers were wanted, and rose 1s. to 47s. 6d. ex div., and Calico Printers 6d. to 31s. Courtaulds moved up to 59s. 10½d., and Celanese Prefs. gained 6d. at 10s. 3d., though the Ord. shed 3d. to 7s. 6d. Bradford Dyers strengthened to 59s., and Amalgamated Cottons to 9s. 3d. In Tobaccos, B.A.T.'s and Imperials came on offer, and the former lost 6d. at 99s. 6d., and the latter 3d. at 69s. 3d. Among Newspaper descriptions, "Sunday Pictorials" kept steady at 3⅜, though "Daily Mirrors" and Associated Def. both dropped ⅛ to 5⅛, despite the announcement of a quarterly dividend of 2s. per share on the last-named. "Daily Mail" Debs. improved to ½ premium.

Except for Bank of Australasias, which receded to 12⅞, Bank shares exhibited firmness. Canadian Bank of Commerce rose 1 to 41, and Hong Kong and Shanghai a like amount to 124½. Agricultural Bank of Egypt put on ⅛ to 7⅞, and Westminsters and Williams Deacons "A" both gained ⅛ at 17⅛ and 2⅞, respectively. Insurances held their ground. Londons rose ⅛ to 8⅞, as did also Suns to 17⅞. Recent issues moved within very narrow limits. Quebec Power Debs. changed hands at 101⅜, and Chili Nitrate Debs. up to 98⅞.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance New, 14⅛, 13⅞, 14, ⅛; Atlas, 16⅛, 17, 16⅞, ⅛; British General, 37/-, 6/6; North British Pref., 80½; Scottish Union, 9⅞, ⅞; United British, 42/3, 6d., 40/7½; Royal Exchange, 473; Motor Union, 8⅞; General Accident, 6⅛; Employers' Liability, 85/-; Royal, 2⅛; Northern, 15⅛, ⅛; Prudential B, 21/3, 1/-.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Caledonian Insurance, 11⅛; Commercial Union, 19, 18⅞; Employers' Liability, 85/-; General Accident, 130/6; London and Lancashire, 15⅛; London Assurance, 8⅞; Northern Assurance, 15⅛, ⅛; Phoenix Assurance, 11; Royal Insurance, 23⅛, ⅛, ⅛; State Assurance, 8⅞.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

As a rule we take no notice of anonymous letters, but one we have just received calls for attention, says the "Evening Standard," because it is evidently written in the full belief that the statements are true, and we should like to put the matter right. It repeats an old fallacy, namely—that Consols were due to be repaid in April, 1923, and that non-payment means that the Government has defaulted. Therefore, argues our anonymous writer, the Government is not to be trusted, and anybody who buys National Savings Certificates, in the belief that he will get his money returned within the fixed period, is under a delusion. To state an absolute fact, Consols were not due to be repaid in April, 1923, and never at any time was a promise made to repay them, except "after April, 1923," and then, "on such notice at such times and in such amounts as Parliament may determine." Obviously with the stock standing at 45 per cent. dis., Parliament would not set in motion machinery to repay it at par—100. Our correspondent contends that this non-payment was, in effect, a capital levy on all the holders of Consols, that it was "engineered by the Tory Government," that it is surely responsible for the defeat of so many Tories at the General Election, and that Labour does not forget "the precedent" established. The whole story being untrue, the argument of course is silly; but it is just as well we should know what is in the mind of some of the people who voted Labour, and if there are any readers of this column who nurse a grievance against the Government for not paying off Consols in April last, we hope that they will recognise how very unjust they have been.

An interesting development of the carry-over was the backwardation on Courtaulds. Such a thing has not been known for a long time, the common feeling in regard to the shares and their prospects being consistently bullish. Why this volte-face? Of course it may be a temporary "bear" position—to avoid stamp and fee—and this would not be of much significance. On the other hand, it is suggested that the movement may be a genuine one, inspired by the belief that the company is not enjoying so much prosperity and is feeling competition. But it has always been supposed that the position of Courtaulds in the artificial silk industry was invulnerable so far as competition is concerned. It is an interesting phase, and any development will be watched with interest.

Mr. R. S. Guinness has accepted the position of chairman, Sir Reginald MacLeod, K.C.B., that of deputy chairman; and Mr. Martin D. V. Holt has been appointed a director of the Anglo-American Debenture Corporation, Ltd., the Railway Debenture and General Trust Co., Ltd., and the Railway Share Trust and Agency Co., Ltd.

THE MONEY MARKET.

ACTIVE BORROWING AT THE BANK.

EXCHANGES BRIGHTER.

Preparations for the end of the year were still on a very active scale in Lombard street. As a consequence, further considerable borrowing occurred at the Bank of England, which was lending for various periods over a week at the fixed rate of 4½ p.c. This extensive borrowing had the effect of making night money easy at 1½-2 p.c., with surplus balances offering cheaper. Loans into next month were sometimes obtainable at 3½ p.c., fixtures being renewed only to the end of the month at 2½. In discounts business was reduced to a very low level, the new Treasuries being 3⅛, with a small demand in evidence. Fine three months' Bank bills were 3⅜ p.c. at best, with February paper quoted 3⅞-3⅜ p.c.

Bank Rate (Discount) changed July 5, 1923, 4%.				
60 days (fine)	3⅜	3⅞		
3 months	3⅜	3⅞	Trade 4	4½
4 months	3⅜	3⅞	" 4	4½
6 months	3⅜	3⅞	" 4½	5
Loans to brokers day-to-day			2	1½
for a week			4	3½
Deposit allowance: Banks at call			2	2
Discount houses, at call			2	2
at notice			2⅛	2⅛

The announcement is made that another important Japanese institution, the Mitsui Bank, has decided to open a branch in London.

Gold remained at 95s. 1d. per oz. There was a small inquiry for India. Silver was unchanged for both spot and forward delivery at 33⅛d. per oz. and 32⅞d. respectively.

A heavy tendency prevailed at the opening yesterday in the market for foreign exchanges, but later on the tone became brighter. French francs, after falling to 86.35, rallied to 85.10, and Belgian francs recovered to 96.25, after 96.85, while Italy was steady at 100½-100⅞. Sterling was lower on New York, but picked up later to 4.34⅞-4.35, Holland easy at 11.46½-11.47½, and Switzerland being firmer at 24.80-24.85. Brazilian milreis developed strength, rising to 5⅛-5⅞, but Argentine dollars eased to 40, while Chili was steady at 39.90. Rupees hardened to 1s. 5⅛d.-1s. 5⅛d., and Japanese yen to 2s. 1⅛d.-2s. 1⅜d.

—	December 27.		December 24.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97½		97½		97½d
Amsterdam	11.46¾	11.47¾	11.46	11.46½	12.10
B. Ayres	39⅞	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	47.58
Barcelona	33.48		33.35	33.37	25.22
Berlin	19 billions		18 billions		20.40
Bombay	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	2/0
Brussels	96.20	96.30	96.45	96.55	25.22½
Calcutta	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	2/0
Christiania	29.40	29.50	29.30	29.35	18.15
Copenhagen	24.42	24.47	24.48	24.53	18.15
Czecho-Slov	148⅛	149⅛	148⅛	148⅛	
Finland	175⅛	176	176	176⅛	25.22½
Greece	200	210	220	230	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅛	2/4⅛	2/3⅛	2/4⅛	
Hungary	80,000	90,000	80,000	90,000	
Italy	100⅛	100⅛	100⅛	100⅛	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.40	33.45	33.43	33.48	25.22½
Mexico	26⅛d		26⅛d		24⅛d.
Montreal	4.44¾	4.45¼	4.44¾	4.45¼	4.86
Montevideo	42⅛	43⅛	42⅛	43⅛	51d.
New York	4.33⅞	4.34⅛	4.34	4.34⅛	4.86
Paris	85.05	85.15	85.90	86.00	25.22
Poland	25,000,000 sellrs		26,000,000 sellrs		
RiodeJan.	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5¼	16d.
Roumania	840	860	840	860	
Shanghai	3/3⅛	3/4⅛	3/3⅛	3/4⅛	
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	16.42	16.47	16.43	16.48	18.15
Switzerland	24.80	24.85	24.87	24.92	25.22
Valparaiso	39.90		39.90		13.33
Vienna	305,000	313,000	308,000	313,000	
Yokohama	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	24.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

FALL IN THE RATIO.

Recent market borrowing at the Bank of England is only partly indicated in the latest statement of the latter institution, which shows an increase of little over £5,000,000 in the "other" securities. The Government securities are a little more than £2,000,000 up, and there was an increase of nearly £39,000 in the reserve. On the other hand, the public deposits rose to the extent of about £307,000, so that the resources of the market, as indicated by the private deposits, were augmented to the extent of £7,000,000, which raised the amount to over £116,750,000. The reserve is raised to a little over £19,500,000, but owing to the considerable addition to the deposits its proportion to liabilities is more than ¾ down at 14⅛ per cent.

WEEK ENDED 26TH DECEMBER, 1923.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued	£145,948,660	Govt. Debt	£11,015,100
		Other Securities	8,734,900
		Gold Coin and Bullion	126,196,660
	£145,948,660		£145,948,660

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£49,604,532
Rest	3,279,847	Other Securities	81,072,961
Public deposits	15,682,105	Notes	17,805,880
Other deposits	116,779,958	Gold & Silver Coin	1,820,722
7-day & other Bills	9,185		
	£150,304,095		£150,304,095

Compared with last week:	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	42,390	—
Public Deposits	306,932	—
Other Deposits	7,069,729	—
Government Securities	2,196,000	—
Other Securities	5,152,861	—
Bullion	—	—
Rest	—	3,701
Reserve	43,595	8,092

Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities 14⅛% against 15⅜% last week.

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and during the previous two years:—

	1923.	1922.	1921.
	£	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	126,142,780	124,877,670	126,520,245
Public Deposits	15,682,105	13,323,799	15,057,335
Other Deposits	116,779,958	119,903,432	106,532,000
Govt. Securities	49,604,532	51,967,900	36,901,987
Other Securities	81,072,961	75,158,131	83,164,909
Reserve of Notes & Coin	19,626,602	21,015,537	20,364,114
Coin & Bullion	126,019,382	127,443,007	128,434,359
Reserve to Liabilities	14⅛%	15⅛%	16⅛%
Bank Rate	4%	3%	5%
Consols	55⅛	55⅞	50
Bar Silver	33⅛d.	30⅞d.	35⅛d.
Clearinghouse Return	471,669,000	459,506,000	483,115,000

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE, North Circular road, Thursday.—As anticipated, our live stock market in both divisions was more sparsely supplied to-day. The search in salesmasters' adjacent private lairages yesterday evening up to a late hour gave the impression that there would be somewhat of a boom for prime cattle to-day; however, such did not actually materialise, but more cattle of finished classes could have been readily sold at current rates. Prices generally were the turn dearer for tip-top beasts; little change noticeable in rough descriptions. Heavy sheep a negligible sale, but small classes suitable to shippers' requirements found a ready enough trade at current rates. The market, although of small dimensions, ran into a comparatively late hour; however, ultimately a satisfactory sell-up was accomplished.

	Numbers on Sale This week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of	
			1922.	1921.
Beasts ..	3,706 decrease	492	4,390	4,988
Sheep and lambs	3,660 decrease	1,301	5,003	5,253
Veal calves	—	—	—	8

Trade for finished qualities of cattle was steady, but minus much competitive opposition, home trade being on the quiet side, but shipping fairly busy, and for the right type of cattle dealers paid prices which, in comparison with those ruling across Channel, would leave narrow balances in the margin of profit, irrespective of the expenses to be considered. Best run of stall-feds averaged 46s. 6d. to 50s. and 52s. 6d., but a few special lots of Polled Angus here and there fetched 1s. or 1s. 6d. more money. Grass-fed cattle from 44s. to 46s. 6d. per cwt., and for a few special lots 47s. 6d. per cwt.; rougher qualities around 40s. to 42s. 6d. per cwt. There was a good trade for fat cows, especially the nicer qualities, which made from 36s. to 40s. and 42s. 6d. per cwt., other classes being from, say, 25s. to 32s. 6d. per cwt. on foot, according to age and condition.

Few home butchers appeared to be in want of mutton, and heavy sheep, consequently, were difficult to sell at prices barely level with previous rates. There was, however, a very good trade for suitable shipping qualities of hoggets, more especially those of the lamb class and Cheviots, at prices inside 45s. to 70s., and a few special pens 75s. apiece. Some of the latter were taken by Dublin victuallers, but in one or two cases up to £4 2s. 6d. each was paid for lambs. Young lambs are now on private sale, but, of course, the market will not be concerned with them much until Easter.

DUBLIN DAIRY, Thursday.—Only 95 head of milch cattle on market here this morning, and few people apparently in want of them. Values nominally as before, say, £15 to £21 for small and ordinary cows, and £22 10/- to £26 and £28 for the more esteemed classes.

DUBLIN PIG, Thursday.—A mere holiday market, only 260 head of swine. The few sales were of no general interest.

GLASGOW MARKET REPORT.—Monday, 24th December, 1923.—Hegarty and Kelly, 275 Duke street, Glasgow, report shorter supplies of fat cattle at Merklands Wharf to-day. There was a sharp trade for all classes and an early clearance was effected. Telegrams—Hegarty, Glasgow.—(Advt.)

GLASGOW MARKET REPORT.—Wednesday, 26th December, 1923.—Hegarty and Kelly, 275 Duke street, Glasgow, report a smaller show of cattle at their sales in Glasgow market and at Merklands Wharf to-day. For all classes there was a good demand at an advanced on last week's prices.—Telegrams—Hegarty and Kelly.—(Advt.)

BRISTOL, Thursday.—Holiday feeling prevails. Short supply. Beef, 95/- to 100/- for best. Mutton, 1/3 to 1/4 per lb. About 300 store cattle, which sold at late rates. No milch cows.

BIRMINGHAM, Thursday.—Very short supply of pigs; trade firm, values tending upwards. Sizeable bacons, 14/6; cutters, strong, about 15/6, and sows 11/- per score dead weight.

LEVER'S Linseed, Coconnut, Palm Nut Cakes and Meals; Pig Meal, Calf Meal. Agent—William Rourke, 36 North Circular road, Dublin.—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Thursday.—WHEAT.—Cargoes in generally quiet demand, and prices tend easier for Plate descriptions; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January sellers 44/-, No. 2 ditto 43/3. Australian December 46/-, January-February 45/3, Rosafe 63lbs. January-February 42/5, Barusso 63½lbs. ditto 41/6, Black Sea on sample December-January 44/6. Parcels quiet, but fully steady; No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sold at 44/- to 44/1½, January-February 45/4½, Rosafe 63½lbs. January-February 42/6, Australian, January-February 44/6, Black Sea December-January 44/6 per 480lbs. MAIZE—Cargo market fully steady; Plate steamers afloat quoted 37/9, loading 39/-, Dan.-Gal.-Fox. December-January 38/-, No. 6 yellow African afloat 38/-. Parcels quiet; Plate afloat quoted 38/7½, December-January 38/3, April-May sold 35/10½, Dan.-Gal.-Fox. December-January quoted 38/-, No. 6 yellow African ditto 37/6 per 480lbs. BARLEY—Cargoes quiet but firm; Danube-Kus. December quoted 32/3, Persian February 28/6, Karachi December 31/9 per 400lbs. Parcels move off quietly at late rates. OATS dull; Plate f.a.q. afloat sellers 20/-, January-February 20/-, Danubian afloat 20/-, No. 2 Canadian Western December-January 23/5, No. 2 feed ditto 21/6 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—American markets in the interval since last report were favourable, but Argentine easier, though forward deliveries of WHEAT here improved slightly, though finished the turn easier on the day for distant months, but December showed a moderate advance. C.i.f. parcels No. 1 Manitoba arrived afloat and December sold 44/-, January 43/6, No. 2 15th January 42/9, No. 3 afloat 40/9, and Rosario Santa Fe January 42/- to Manchester. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE River Plate arrived and afloat sold 37/-, April-May 33/9, Galatz-Foxanian afloat 37/6 per qr. Wheat on the spot steady, but inactive at late rates. Maize—Spot parcels firm at 8/- to 8/1 for River Plate, 8/1 to 8/1½ yellow South African, 8/1 to 8/3 white African, and 8/- to 8/0½ per cental Galatz-Foxanian. Graded wheat futures rule quiet throughout, and, after being ¼d. to ½d. dearer, closed ½d. decline for December, but ¼d. other months. Maize options nominally 1d. per cental dearer.

MANCHESTER, Thursday.—English wheat 42/6 to 43/6 per qr., free on rail. Maize steady; Plate spot, 8/2 to 8/3; white flat South African, 8/4; round yellow, 8/2½ per cental. English oats, 9/6 to 10/-. English beans, 10/3 to 10/6. English feeding barley, 9/- to 9/3 per cwt.; all delivered Manchester.

BRISTOL, Thursday.—The market was closed owing to the holidays. Trade in all cereals reported quiet.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—BACON—Irish and Danish bacon firm but quiet, the holiday feeling still prevailing more or less in all directions. Canadian Wiltshires firmly held, but buyers holding off. American selections of bacon here attract little attention, better Chicago cables in the interval since last report being counteracted by liberal arrivals of bacon at this port, though no quotable change is made in values of any description. HAMS also quiet, but no quotable change reported in any cut. Shoulders move but slowly into consumption, but late prices are maintained. LARD on the spot is still scarce, but, with lower c.i.f. quotations, prices rule easier, prime steam being reduced to 76/6 to 77/- per cwt., with demand of a restricted character. CHEESE quiet, but late prices are repeated. BUTTER more steadily held, and rather an improved demand experienced at occasionally higher prices, Danish being now raised to 220/- to 222/- per cwt. EGGS quietly steady at 28/- to 30/- for Irish hen, and 11/- to 11/6 per 120 Egyptian.

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REFINED LARD FUTURES.—LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—Chicago cables in the interval since last report were encouraging, and, with a good demand, prices improved 3d. to 9d. per cwt. during the early session. Sales covered December at 78/-, January 74/3, May 71/3 to 71/9, with February quoted 72/6 to 73/-, March 72/- to 72/9 per cwt. Afternoon cables were easier, and values here receded, closing 3d. lower to 3d. dearer on the day. December sold 78/6, January 74/-, May 71/3, with February and March quoted 72/- to 73/- per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE, Thursday.—Features of sales here were:—York cabbage, 18/- and 40/- and 44/- per load; Savoys, 22/6 to 38/- and 40/- per load; swede turnips, 1/6 to 1/9 per cwt.; celery, 2/6 to 5/3 per bundle. Little of anything else came in.

CORK BUTTER, Thursday.—Small supply; market featureless. Creameries 212/- per cwt., choicest salted 210/-, and farmers' fresh 168/-.

DUBLIN FISH, Thursday.—About 40 boxes of herrings on market, which averaged 17/6 to 28/-.

GRIMSBY FISH, Thursday.—Poor supply. Demand fair. Plaice 15/-, lemon soles 20/-, halibut 16/- to 18/-, cod 6/-, skate 7/- to 8/-, small haddocks 8/6, kit 10/-, gibbed 11/-, dabs 10/- to 12/-, codlings 6/- to 7/-, whitings 7/- per stone; soles 1/5, turbot and brill 1/2 per lb.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT, Thursday.—Beef quiet; Scotch sides, long 8/- to 8/8, short 7/8 to 8/-; English sides 5/- to 5/8; Argentine chilled hind quarters 4/- to 4/6. Mutton slow; Scotch tegs 9/4 to 10/8, wethers 8/8 to 9/-; English wethers 8/4 to 9/-. Lambs easier; Scotch 8/8 to 10/-, and imported 5/10 to 7/-.

LONDON POTATO, Thursday.—Trade quiet and prices generally unaltered, best samples being steady. Lincoln King Edwards 7/- to 7/6, Arran Chief 6/- to 6/6, Majestic 6/- to 6/6, Blackland King Edwards 6/- to 6/6, and ditto Evergoods 5/- to 5/6 per cwt.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Thursday.—Markets reopened with a quiet tone, while still under holiday influences, and prices in many instances showed no material alteration. SUGAR—The market for refined goods remains steady, with a moderate business, chiefly in British makes, at late rates. Of imported, white Java spot 57/3, Mauritius 57/3, Czecho gran. 58/6, white Java May-June 27/1½ c.i.f. U.K. Terminal market firm; white March 28/3 to 29/-, May 28/6 per cwt. Cuban receipts, new crop 7,347 tons, ditto stock 7,347, against 28,919 at same time last year. TEA—Market virtually closed. COFFEE—Spot market firm, with available supplies in small compass. Futures steady, but inactive; Dec. quoted 65/-, March 65/6, May 65/- per cwt. RICE quietly steady; two stars spot Rangoon 16/3, afloat 16/6. Japanese pens, spot 21/-, Dec.-Jan. 21/6 per cwt. SPICE—Pepper moves off quietly, at steady rates; black Singapore, spot sellers 4½d., Jan.-March f.a.q. 7 7-16d., Lampong spot 4½d., white Muntok 7½d., fair Jan.-March 7½d. Cloves quiet; Zanzibar spot 1/2 to 1/5, as to quality; Jan.-March 1/4½ c.i.f. TAPIOCA sold quietly on former terms. Sago flour, Jan.-March quoted 15/6 c.i.f. Desiccated coconut, fine cut spot 42/3, medium 42/6; halves, Jan.-Feb. 42/- per cwt.

JUTE quiet, but late rates were generally maintained; first grade to Continent Dec.-Jan. sellers £27 5/-, Jan.-Feb. £27 10/-, Feb.-March £28 5/-; lightning grades, Dec.-Jan. £25 5/-, Jan.-Feb. £25 12/6 per ton. Hessians and twills unaltered. HEMP—Manila steady; J grade Jan.-March sellers £35, F £28 5/-, L £27, M £24 15/- per ton. Receipts for past week totalled 24,000 bales, estimates for next week 15,000, and following week 16,000 bales. African steel unaltered. SHELLAC quiet; T.N. spot 305/-, March 295/- per cwt. COPRA—Market fully steady; F.M.S. Straits to Rotterdam Oct.-Dec. buyers £30 2/6; Nov.-Jan. £30, Jan.-March £29 10/-. Ceylon, Dec.-Jan. quoted £32, Ceylon £29 7/6. Dutch East Indies, Dec.-Jan. £28 17/6 to Marseilles F.M., Dec.-Jan. £29. PALM KERNELS—To Liverpool, Jan.-March quoted £20 12/6 per ton. RUBBER firm, with moderate dealings; plantation standard crepe and sheet spot sold 1/2¼, Jan. 1/2¼ to 1/2½, Jan.-March 1/2¼, April-June 1/3 per lb. Wild sorts unaltered; London stock 59,608 tons against 71,720 tons at same time last year. OILS—Linseed quiet and easier; spot 42/9, Jan.-April sold 38/7½, May-August 35/9. Rape—Crude 44/6, refined 47/-. Cotton—Crude Egyptian spot 42/-, Bombay 41/-. Coconut—Ceylon Jan.-Feb. 47/-. Turpentine inactive; American spot 72/-, Jan.-April 73/- per cwt. Petroleum and rosin unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed quiet, but prices tend easier for new crop Plate; Calcutta Dec. quoted £22 15/-, Dec.-Jan. £22 2/6, April-May £19 10/-; Plate Dec.-Jan. £17 15/-, Jan.-Feb. and April-May £17 5/-. Rapeseed firm; Toria, also real bold Ferozepore Dec.-Jan. quoted £19 5/-, Jamba £14 15/-. Cottonseed quiet; Egyptian black Dec. quoted £13 5/-, white £12 5/-, Bombay Jan.-Feb. £10 2/6 per ton. Gingelly and castor quiet, unaltered.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Thursday.—The market opens with a good demand for fine sugars at full prices to 3d. advance. Yellows slow of sale.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRADFORD WOOL, Thursday.—Prices of tops continue to show a tendency to harden, but users have mostly covered their requirements and consequently actual transactions are somewhat limited. Yarns are also against the buyer, and spinners are steadily making prices, which bear a better relationship to replacement of costs. Piece goods also move more freely at hardening prices.

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LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Thursday.—American moderate request. Brazilian quotations advanced 57 points. East Indian quotations raised 25 points. Egyptian dull. December 21.12d., January 21.13d., February 21.04d., March 21.04d., April 20.88d., May 20.78d. Sales 4,000, imports 24,475 bales. Market very steady.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW, Thursday.—Steady, moderate trade passing. Best meadow hay £5 to £5 10/-, medium £4 to £4 10/-, inferior £3 to £3 10/-; best clover £5 10/- to £6 5/-; best mixtures and sainfoin £5 5/- to £6; best trussed wheat straw 75/- to 80/-, and oat and barley ditto 80/- to 90/- per ton delivered.

MANCHESTER HAY AND STRAW, Thursday.—On Produce Exchange holiday feeling reported. Prices unchanged. General quotations:—Lincolnshire rye grass and clover £5 10/ to £6, Cheshire £5 5/- to £5 10/-, Scotch £5 5/- to £5 10/-, meadow hay £5, oat straw 70/-, wheat straw 67/6 per ton, all delivered Manchester.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN IRREGULAR.

The market for TIN opened easier, but subsequently was subject to a good deal of irregularity, though the rates closed 10/- firmer for cash, and 5/- three months, compared with last Friday's final figures. Standard cash quoted £235 10/- to £235 15/-, three months £236 15/- to £237, settlement price £235 10/-. Sales comprised 550 tons, including cash at £236 15/- to £236, early February £237 5/- to £236 5/-, mid-February £237 5/- to £237, and three months fluctuated from £236 10/- to £237 10/-, and £235 15/-. COPPER in good demand, and prices fully steady. Standard cash quoted £61 10/- to £61 12/6, three months £62 7/6 to £62 10/-, settlement price £61 10/-. Sales 1,500 tons, cash at £61 12/6 to £61 10/-, an again at £61 12/6, January £61 10/- to £61 12/6, and March £62 7/6, three months £62 10/-, £62 7/6, £62 10/-, and £62 8/9; electros £67 15/- to £68. LEAD steady, with moderate dealings. Sales 750 tons, including December at £30 12/6 to £30 10/-, March £29 15/- for soft foreign pig, with English quoted at £32 5/-. SPELTER firm for near position. 600 tons changed hands, December, also January, sold £32 17/6, February £33 5/- to £33 2/6, and March £33 per ton. TINPLATES, also QUICKSILVER, unaltered.

LONDON FREIGHTS—Thursday.

Homeward markets reopened with a quiet tone, while under holiday influences, and rates marked little or no alteration. The River Plate section remains fully steady for grain carriers and handy, also steamers up river, February-March shipment ruling from 23/6 to 25/-, according to size, to U.K.-Continent. Orders are quoting for linseed from Rosario to New York at 5½ dollars. North American grain dull and rates weak. Northern States to Continent quoted 13½ cents, Denmark 20 cents per 100lbs and 3/7½ per qr to West Italy. North Pacific grain firm, and 36/- paid for a medium size vessel to U.K.-Continent. Cuba sugar quiet at 21/- to 21/6 to U.K.-Continent, February-March. Eastern markets firm. Bombay on dead weight, January, quoted 27/6, while orders are quoting from the rice ports at 31/3, and Java sugar 35/- to U.K.-Continent. Australian grain steady and 40/- paid from Western ports, January, to U.K.-Continent-Mediterranean. Grain from Sulina-Kustendji remains at 16/- berth and 17/3 charter terms to U.K.-Continent. Alexandria cottonseed quiet, with 11/- per 60 cubic feet quoting to Hull. Outward coal markets quiet and rates weak for prompt loading, but forward positions steady. Fixtures—Cognomede, 5,600 tons 10 p.c. San Lorenzo to U.K.-Continent, 28th December, lay days 23/6, heavy grain; Arundo, 4,200 tons, 10 p.c. San Lorenzo to U.K.-Continent, 1st January, lay days 24/-, heavy grain; Joyce Nancy, 5,200 tons, 10 p.c. San Lorenzo to U.K.-Continent, 1st-20th March, 25/-, heavy grain; Elm Park, 7,500 tons, 10 p.c. Vancouver to U.K.-Continent, 1st-15th February, 38/-, heavy grain; Port Augusta, 6,000 tons, 10 p.c. West Australia to Mediterranean-U.K.-Continent January, 40/-, heavy grain; steamer, 6,000-5,500 tons, Wales to Buenos Ayres, spot, 13/-, coal.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motor shares generally firmer. Humbers, Standards, and Austins better. Austin Debentures rallied to 49½. Bluemels strong, in anticipation of report. Austins, 2/9; Bluemels, 47/-; Calthorpe, 4/9; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 6/1½; Enfields, 21/3; Humbers, 22/4½; Rolls-Royce, 27/9; Rovers, 14/3; Singers, 23/9; Standards, 47/-; Swifts, 6/-; Triumphs, 29/9; Vauxhalls, 6/6; Dunlops, 7/6; Parent Deferred, 25/6; Harper Bean, 1/1½.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles show a cheerful tone. Calicos strong. Bleachers, 47/-47/6; do. Pref., 21/-21/3; Calicos, 31/-31/3; do. Pref., 17/9-18/-; Bradford Dyers, 58/6-59/6; do. Pref., 19/9-20/3; Sewing Cottons, 49/6-50/6; do. Pref., 19/9-20/-; Fine Spinners, 46/6-47/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Sinbbers," 8/-8/3; Coats, 61/6-62/-; Ship Canal, 8½-9; do. Pref., 8½-8¾; Velvets, 26/6-27/6.

TEA SHARES.

Market firm, and prices rising:—Assam, £118⅛ +⅛; Ceylon Plant, 78/-+1/-; Chargola, 48/6+6d.; Con. T. and L. Ord., £34+⅛; Dooars, 70/-—1/-; E.I. and Ceylon, 41/-+1/-; Empire, 55/6+9d.; Imperial Ord., 37/9+6d.; Jokai, 64/4½+1/3; Jorehaut, 67/-+6d.; Nedeem, 57/6+4½d.

Business Done:—Bengal United, 25⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛; Cachar and Dooars, 25⅛, 6d.; Ceylon Tea, 78/-; Chargola, 48/6; Consolidated, 34; Devitural Valley, 47/-; Dooars, 71/6, 70/-; East India and Ceylon, 40/6, 1/-; Empire of India, 54/-, 5/-, 4/6; Imperial, 37/9; Jokai, 64/4½; Neboda, 15/-; Nedeem, 57/6; Rowlana, 24/3; Caledonian Ceylon, 31/-; Pandau, 17/3; Peacock and Nilambe, 3/0½; Sephinjuri Bheel, 12/1½, 12/-.

GOLF.

CASTLE.—St. Stephen's Day—Four-ball v. bogey, sweepstakes:—R. B. Kennett and E. H. Galloway (2 up) and W. H. Robertson and E. N. Campbell (2 up) divide first and second prizes. Mixed foursomes, sweepstakes:—First, R. B. Kennett and Miss P. Seaman (6½), 39½; second, T. Cleary and Mrs. O'Toole (8½), 41½.

BRAY.—December 22—J. J. Lawler's Prize (18 entries):—A. R. Robinson and J. Brett tied with 3 down. December 26—Bogey 9-hole, sweep:—J. B. Delahunty, 2 up; C. Brett, J. J. Lawler, and W. C. K. Meeke, 1 up. December 29—Monthly medal, and Council meeting at 5 p.m.

RATHFARNHAM (Ladies' Branch).—December 14—Monthly Medal, 18 holes v. bogey. Class I.—Mrs. J. E. Healy (8), 6 down; Class II.—Miss Fawcett (17), 8 down.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—There was a large entry in the stroke competition on Boxing Day. The following were the best cards returned:—E. T. H. Richardson (8), 79; W. B. Haughton (2), 87; J. C. Brownrigg (10), 87; D. H. MacLeay (6), 88; R. Thompson (12), 88; H. Carran (14), 88; J. C. Wray (14), 90; J. H. Monroe (14), 91.

ROBIN HOOD.—December 30—Mixed foursomes, 18 holes, strokes. Draws for partners and opponents from 11 a.m.

SWIMMING.

HALF-MOON CLUB.

The following members of the Half-Moon Swimming Club took part in the annual Christmas swim:—Dr. C. O'Brien, Messrs. R. Morgan, C. Brown, D. Doyle, R. O'Neill, J. Richards, — Evans, J. Galbally, F. Lewis, P. Carr, M. P. Heron, C. Walsh, P. Morgan, and E. Banks. In the absence of the President, Dr. C. O'Brien, the senior vice-president, Mr. P. Morgan, presented the prizes, and referred to the fact that this was the second season in which the O'Brien Cup was won by a boy. The best thanks of the club were tendered to the Hon. President and Secretary for the efficient manner in which they looked after the interests of the club, and also to Messrs. Heron and Carroll, sen., for their generosity in presenting prizes.

SANDYCOVE CLUB.

Although the weather was far from favourable for swimming, fourteen turned out for the Christmas Day race at the "Forty-foot," and the large number of visitors were treated to a capital race. Result:—C. Higginbotham (scr.) and A. A. Grone (2), dead heat; G. Higginbotham (2), 3rd. Also swam:—W. J. Ward (10), T. Lehane (10), W. Carroll, jun. (8), L. Tozer (8), L. Halligan (6), P. J. O'Neill (6), J. Robinson (4), P. M'Allister (4), W. FitzHugh (4), P. Stuart (2), Another.

CHRISTMAS SWIMMING EVENTS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Thursday.

The annual swim across the Seine for the Coupe de Noel was won this year by a Hungarian, Dukasz, who covered the 300 metres in 1 minute 47 4-5 seconds. The strong current made the contest particularly difficult, and, of twelve starters, only three reached the opposite bank between the points laid down by the rules. The others were either carried farther down the river or were obliged to give up.

Of twenty-two starters for the Christmas swimming competition in the old Port of Marseilles, five were women.

BOXING.

TYRRELL v. HANDLEY.

At the Ring, Blackfriars, London, last night, Arthur Tyrrell, Walsall, and Bill Handley, Hackney, put up a capital contest over 15 rounds at 9st. 12lb. It was a good contest all the way, the men being well matched in all respects. Handley was the cleverer boxer and Tyrrell the more dogged fighter. There was never much in it, for they were both very game and determined, but at the finish Tyrrell gained the verdict on points by a very narrow margin.

BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN v. PEALL.

Yesterday's play in this match at Leicester square, London, Peall receiving 3,500 points in 14,000 up, again went heavily in favour of Newman. During the day he made breaks of 297, 523, 140, and 280. Peall's only notable breaks were 63 and 163. Closing scores:—Peall (receives 3,500), 4,493; Newman, 3,800.

ON VIEW THIS DAY. SALE TO-MORROW (SATURDAY).
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WHIST Club—Few vacancies for Ladies and Gentlemen (Ballsbridge).—D 1522, this office.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, Dec. 21, 1923.
REGULAR FORCES.
COMMANDS AND STAFF.
The undermentioned appointment is made at the War Office:—
Assistant Director of Transport—Colonel J. M. Young, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., from an Assistant Q.M.G.
CAVALRY.
The Royals—Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Tomkinson, D.S.O., on completion of the period of service in command, is placed on the half-pay list.
Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel W. T. Hodgson, D.S.O., M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.
Captain S. Howes, D.S.O., M.C., to be Major, 21st December.
5th/6th Dragoons—Captain C. J. S. Clarke is seconded for duty with the Remount Service.
ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.
R.H. and R.F.A.—Lieutenant C. R. Boyton retires, receiving a gratuity.
The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—C. J. G. Dalton, R. J. Shaw-Hamilton, C. A. L. Dunphie, G. F. Gee, J. G. Freer, R. H. L. Carden.
CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.
Lieutenant J. M. H. Goodwin resigns his commission, 22nd December, 1923.
The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—T. G. White, N. A. M. Swettenham, D. McMullen, H. M. O'Donnell, T. E. Abraham.
INFANTRY.
Leinster Regiment—Lieutenant G. T. De Blaby retires on account of ill-health, and is granted the rank of Captain.
SERVICE BATTALIONS.
The Queen's Regiment—Temporary Second Lieutenant H. C. Coote relinquishes his commission on completion of service, and retains the rank of Second Lieutenant.
MEMORANDUM.
Major-General G. A. J. Leslie, C.B., C.M.G., retires on an Indian pension.
REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.
GENERAL LIST.
The undermentioned Colonels, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers—Hon. Brigadier-General E. R. Hill, D.S.O.; Hon. Brigadier-General A. Martyn, C.B., C.M.G.
ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.
Lieutenant John Charles Mullenger, late R.F.A., to be Lieutenant, with seniority 24th January, 1919.

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LOST, Tortoiseshell Drop Ear-ring, inlaid, Ranelagh, Stephen's Green, Robert's Cafe, Grafton street, 12-1 p.m., Thursday. Address "Z 3494, Ear-ring," this office. 27 F

LOST, on Hollybrook road, Clontarf, £5 Note and Gold, in small leather case. Reward 1 Commercial Buildings, Clontarf.

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STRAYED, Rathmines, last week, young Kerry Blue Dog; reward. Apply 18 and 19 Thomas st.

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TAKEN by mistake from first class Ladies' Saloon on Mail Boat arriving Kingstown 5.30 Monday morning, a Dressing Case, addressed Reigh, Hotel Ritz, Paris. Please return to Reigh, Glenboe, Bray, [illegible] for any information. 27 B

£3 REWARD for returning latest Lady's Blue Handbag, containing money and cheques, Lost Monday, 24th, between Sackville street and Dollymount.—Nobel, 86 Northumberland road. 27 F

SITUATIONS VACANT.

ASSISTANT required for Auctioneer and House Agent's Office in city; one with experience preferred; salary £2 week.—D 1661, this office.

A COUNTRY Under Prohibition—A Special Article dealing with this subject appears in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. F

BOOKKEEPER (Lady) required; knowledge Insurance desirable; state experience, salary expected.—D 1670, this office. 20 B

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JUNIOR Shorthand Typist—Accurate young Lady Wanted for City Office. Reply, enclosing copies of references, stating age, experience (if any), and salary expected to D 1607, this office. 26 A

LADY required, able to give Food Demonstrations in grocers' shops; must be good cook and saleswoman; one who has had previous experience preferred.—D 1660, this office. 27 B

PEACE Commissioners—Photographs of new Peace Commissioners are published in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. F

SEEDSMAN—Wanted next month, an experienced Man for the Agricultural, Vegetable and Flower Seed Trade. Write stating experience and salary expected. Address "Z 3453, Seedsman," this office. 20 X

SHORTHAND and Typist Wanted in city Office, young Lady, with some experience preferred; 15/-.—D 1665, this office.

WANTED, experienced Lady, bookkeeping, with knowledge of shorthand and typewriting.—D 1629, this office. 22 F

WANTED by City Firm, first class man, to take charge of Order Tailoring Department. Apply, stating age, experience, and salary.—D 1655, this office. 27 B

WANTED, young Gentlewoman to look after two small children; experience not essential.—Mrs. Warren Woodroffe, 1 Richmond place, Chester. 27 B

WANTED, Bookkeeper, accurate, and with initiative; preference to one with experience in forwarding agents' business; state salary expected.—D 1615, this office. 27 F

WANTED for Wholesale Wine Merchants' Stores, Junior Delivery Clerk, to deal with despatch and receipt of goods; state age, experience (if any), and wages expected.—D 1673, this office. 27 B

WANTED, Lady to learn Gramophone Trade, with knowledge of typewriting.—D 1667, this office. 27 A

WANTED, Lady Bookkeeper, with knowledge of typewriting, City Firm.—D 1666, this office. 27 A

WANTED, Boy, about 15 years, for Wholesale Tea and Wine Merchant's Office. Reply D 1600, this office. 27 F

WANTED, reliable young Lady for Shop and Cafe; must be willing to assist with all duties; capable of taking charge.—D 1635, this office.

WANTED, young Lady Typist; city merchants' office; state where educated, age, experience.—D 1636, this office. 27 F

WANTED for provincial town, experienced Lady, R.C. (indoor), to take charge of Sweet and Confectionery Counter; must have first class reference. Address, stating age, salary, etc., "Z 3502, Lady," this office. 27 B

YOUNG Lady Cook Wanted for exceptional situation; state experience or training, age, family, etc.; fare paid.—Mrs. Arthur Stallard, Green Acres, Wells, Somerset. 27 F

MONEY, PARTNERSHIPS, ETC.

AUDITOR and Accountant, with extensive high class connection, desires Junior Partner to take interest in business; state qualifications; fee £500.—D 1545, this office. 21 E

REQUIRED immediately, 2 or 3 Gentlemen of smart appearance, with capital £100-£150, to take active interest in popular entertainment enterprise in Dublin; salary and 20 p.c. interest, or partnership considered; exceptional opportunity to right persons; full particulars at interview.—D 1596, this office.

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WANTED, for a private dining room in Dublin, a Cook Manageress; strictly sober and honest, and able to carve quickly and economically; state experience and wages expected, and forward copies of references.—D 1637, this office. 27 B

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

CHEF, experienced in all branches, including Confectionery, seeks re-engagement anytime; disengaged when suited.—D 1605, this office. 26 A

CHEF, French, first class references, disengaged, wishes vacancy, hotel, restaurant, or club. Address "Z 3501, Chef," this office. 27 B

YOUNG Lady, four years' experience first class city hotel bar, desires change. Reply D 1672, this office. 27 B

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AGENT required, must have first class connection amongst shopkeepers, for Sale of Ladies' Costumes and Skirts, also Children's Velvet, Silk, Crepe de Chine Dresses, Gym. Frocks and Costumes, etc., for Spring trade. The stock, value over £5,000, is held in Dublin. To proper and reliable man stock will be entrusted, and, if necessary, can carry certain consignments to larger towns. Must be able to dispose of lots to good customers. Security Bond required. The right man will be liberally treated and permanent position for various lines ensured. Apply in first instance, giving full particulars, to Box 970, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin. 27 F

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WANTED, Commission Agent, with office in Dublin, and good soft goods connection with leading Home Furnishers in Free State. Apply Gaskell and Co., Felt Manufacturers and Carpet Factors, Bacup, Lancashire. 21 A

WANTED, Junior Representative for Typewriting Company; about 25; salary and commission; must be energetic and have some experience, good appearance and address.—D 1617, this office. 27 F

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

APPRENTICE (Boy) Wanted for developing City Business; first class training under gold medallist; Prelim. passed essential; fee required.—D 1604, this office. 27 B

ASSISTANT (Junior) required for Dublin, also Apprentice; send full particulars in own handwriting.—D 1630, this office.

ASSISTANT seeks position, city, part or whole time.—D 1669, this office.

JUNIOR, 4½ years' city experience, dispensing, counter, capable taking charge, desires position, city, suburbs; highest references. Address "Z 3498, Junior," this office. 27 B

LADY requires post as Nurse or Nurse Companion to invalid lady or gentleman. Reply 507, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork. 21 E

MESSRS. W. F. Wells and Son, Sackville street, require a smart Apprentice; fee. 27 B

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TRAINED Nurses Wanted immediately, South Wales, Co-op. system. Apply Matron, Bryngwyn, Newport, Mon. 24 Y

WANTED immediately, an Attendant, mind invalid lady; attentive, kind; references. Call, Friday 4 o'clock, 27 Waterloo road.

WANTED, respectable, middle aged Woman as Nurse Attendant to elderly lady; quiet home, suburbs Belfast; might lodge. Apply Box No. 1216, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 27 B

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

LAW.—Shorthand Typist and Bookkeeper—Wanted for a provincial town in Free State, a really expert Shorthand Writer and Typist, who could keep books or assist thereat. Useless making application unless very expert and speedy shorthand writer and typist and experienced in solicitor's office. Good salary to hard worker and suitable person. Send copies testimonials and state lowest salary. Address "Z 3474, Law," this office. 6 24

LAW—Wanted, a real live expert Managing Clerk for provincial office in Free State; prepared to pay good salary to the right man. Apply, with copies testimonials and stating salary, to "Z 3475, Law," this office. 6 24

MANAGING Clerk required, provincial office, South; must be fully competent, Land Registry, Probate, and general work; state salary and send copies testimonials. Address "Z 3482, Clerk," this office. 23 F

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IRISH Events—Photographs of Irish Events are published in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. F

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RESIDENT Master required at Mountjoy School; supervision duty only; suit student attending lectures. Apply to Headmaster. 21 X

WANTED immediately, Private Grind for three weeks, Trinity Entrance Examination.—D 1656, this office.

WANTED, Governess or Mother's Help, some housework, three children; R.C.; County Dublin; good salary.—D 1651, this office. 27 F

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

EX-NAVAL Man, understands marine engines, boilers, drive motor, do repairs, or any other work.—M 77, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 27 B

GOOD Cook wishes Housekeeper's Position, or some place of trust; moderate salary; city or suburbs.—D 1603, this office. 27 B

LADY wants post as Companion, or as Secretary to lady or gentleman; Dublin. Address "Z 3487, Lady," this office. 24 A

MOTHER'S Help, R.C., good houseworker, needlewoman, wishes situation.—D 1698, this office. 27 F

PENSIONER (Old Army) seeks Caretaking, Clean Offices, Night Watchman, etc.; married, no incumbrances; highest references.—D 1616, this office. 27 B

REQUIRED by Gentlewoman, Protestant, post, Companion Help or Nursery Governess; disengaged.—E, Stephens' Library, Kingstown

YOUNG Lady Wants Evening Work, 7-9.30; clerical preferred.—D 1642, this office.

£5 OFFERED anyone finding Employment for industrious young married man; exemplary references.—D 1586, this office. 27 B

MALE SERVANT WANTED.

INDOOR Man Servant Wanted for Larne; knowledge cooking preferred; good recommendations essential.—D 1645, this office.

RABBIT Trapper Wanted; free house and perquisites; no traps supplied. Apply P. M'Gee and Sons, Dunleer. 22 E

TRAPPERS, own gear, for Galway, Wanted, fresh places. Terms, Thom, Glendalough, Wicklow. 23 F

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

GARDENER Wanted; must have a thorough knowledge of flowers and decorative plants; single man to live in preferred. Apply between 1 and 2 p.m. to the Standard Hotel, Harcourt st., Dublin. 27 A

WANTED Man, Working Steward, wife caretaker, for country; Protestants; pensioner preferred.—592, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 27 B

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A YOUNG Man, about to be married, seeks situation with farmer; can plough and do all kinds of farm work; can be well recommended. Address "Z 3490, Man," this office.

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HERD or Yardman, good milker; well recommended; married, small family; state terms. Address "Z 3480, Herd," this office. 23 E

HERD seeks situation, a most experienced man in all his duties.—Lynch, Grangewilliam, Maynooth. 27 B

YARD and General Man, married, or Herd and Yardman; good milker; has good knowledge of gardening; can be highly recommended. Address R. Farrell, 22 Eccles street, Dublin. 27 B

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A SINGLE Man, R.C., age 30, wishes situation, Plain Gardener; milk, care horse, trap, etc.—R O 950, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 27 F

GARDEN Work, contract or day, Tennis Courts, Planting, Pruning, Rockeries, Borders.—Hortic, 18 Ballsbridge avenue, Ballsbridge. 27 B

GARDENER, thoroughly experienced, requires two days' Work per week; highest reference. Address "Z 3491, Gardener," this office. 27 F

GARDENER or General Man, age 36; wife cook or dairy; lodge preferred.—G 89, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 23 F

DOMESTICS WANTED.

SETTLED Person, T.T., Wanted from 5th January, for small house in Co. Meath, one lady; very comfortable house; wages £15.—D 1641, this office. 27 F

WANTED, Belfast, mid-January, Lady Help General, young, to share with lady housekeeper all work of professional man's house; two children, 15; £2 15/- to £3 monthly. Address "Z 3459, General," this office. 19 C

WANTED, well recommended Girl or Woman, housework, washing, 8 to 12 daily.—"Clanna," Garville road, Rathgar.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

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COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

COOK Wanted, young; fowl; small dairy; country town, West; £30-£36; references. Address "Z 3457, Cook," this office. 21 E

EXPERIENCED young Cook General (good cooking essential), early in January; must have good recommendations; small family; no washing; early riser; separate bedroom; Pembroke; wages £36.—D 1654, this office. 27 B

WANTED immediately, good, reliable Cook; kitchen and small dairy; must be thoroughly experienced, and well recommended; wages £35; send copies discharges.—Prospect, Templeogue, Dublin. 27 B

WANTED, near Killiney, good Cook General; two in family; house parlourmaid kept. Send particulars to K 55, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 27 F

WANTED, good Cook General.—Mrs. Groves, Malahide. 27 B

GENERALS WANTED.

CO. Dublin, small house, family two; early riser; £24. Address "Z 3495, General," this office.

EXPERIENCED General required for North Ireland; must be well recommended; 2 in family. Apply Wasdale, Terenure.

GENERAL Wanted; excellent wages; country girl preferred. Apply 42 Kenilworth square, Rathmines.

GENERAL Wanted; young country girl would do.—7 Woodstock Gardens, Ranelagh.

GENERAL Wanted by 1st January, flat, Adelaide road, three in family; £20; country girl preferred.—D 1587, this office. 27 B

GOOD General Wanted, R.C.; no washing or dairy; family 3; £30.—Drumdoe, Naas. 27 B

WANTED by middle of January, General Servant; good cook; small laundry; must be a responsible, good tempered person; one lady; Dublin suburbs. Address "Z 3445, General," this office. 20 B

WANTED, General for Killiney; must be well recommended; four in family; nurse kept; help given. Apply 33 Molesworth street. 27 F

WANTED, young country girl to train as General, comfortable home, Rathgar, small family; no washing. Apply, with references, D 1646, this office.

WANTED, young General for Killiney; to train might suit; good wages and uniform.—D 1650, this office. 27 B

WELL recommended General Servant Wanted, 1st January.—Melrose, Silchester road, Glenageary.

WANTED, General; early riser. Apply 12 Villiers road, Rathgar.

WANTED, Daily General, 18 to 20 years, Stillorgan bridge.—D 1588, this office. 27 F

WANTED, General Servant for small family. Apply 42 Longwood avenue, S.C.R. 27 F

WANTED, strong, experienced General; must be recommended.—37 Grove Park, Rathmines.

WANTED, good General for country house; one to train might suit.—Mrs. Tyrell, Hacketstown, Skerries, Co. Dublin.

WANTED, for Dun Laoghaire at once, a Superior General; state age, wages.—M 818, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

HOUSE Parlourmaid, R.C., for Thurles; help with small washing; willing to wait on nursery; big wages; quick country girl would suit; send copies; cook, nurse and man kept. Address "Z 3461, Parlourmaid," this office. 21 E

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